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## WHOLE BATTALIONS WIPE OUT

Italian Offensive Resumed: Another Disaster

### Greeks Follow Up And Capture Fresh Positions



HOUSE OF COMMONS AIR RAID DAMAGE. In a recent raid on London the House of Commons was damaged. Photo shows view from the Members' Cloakroom showing the damaged Cloisters Court.

#### EIRE A.A. BATTERIES IN ACTION

An unidentified aircraft flew over Dublin Bay at about noon yesterday and was fired on by the ground defences.

The Eire Government Information Bureau issued a statement to this effect yesterday afternoon. —Reuter.

#### Vichy's Present To Hitler

Dr. Fritz Thyssen, the well-known German industrialist, was among a group of political refugees living in the south of France recently handed over to the Germans by the Vichy authorities under the armistice terms.

This is according to French circles in close touch with Vichy. Dr. Thyssen is stated to have been transferred from Cannes to a German "sanatorium." —Reuter.

#### MENZIES TO CALL IN U.S.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS VISIT TO BRITAIN, WHICH IS ENDING SHORTLY, THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIER, MR. R. G. MENZIES, WILL POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO FULFIL HIS HOPE OF CALLING IN AMERICA EN ROUTE HOME.

Australia has many problems in common with the United States, and Mr. Menzies could discuss with President Roosevelt questions like shipping and bases.

Mr. Menzies' stay in Britain has been highly valuable not only to Australia but to members of the War Cabinet, of which he has been a member during his visit. —Reuter.

WHOLE BATTALIONS OF MUSSOLINI'S TROOPS WERE WIPE OUT WHEN THE ITALIANS RESUMED THE OFFENSIVE ALONG A 17-MILE FRONT IN ALBANIA, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT MADE OVER ATHENS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

Fresh Italian troops brought from Italy were thrown into the battle, and the Italian attacks were repeated and violent.

The action began with a heavy artillery bombardment and many Italian planes participated.

The first Italian onslaught was exceptionally fierce but failed completely.

The Italians then brought up more reserves and made further attacks.

These also failed under the withering fire of the Greeks, who dealt destruction to the advancing enemy.

AT MANY POINTS, AS SOON AS THE ITALIANS WERE REPULSED, THE GREEKS PURSUED THEM AND DROVE THEM FROM THE POSITIONS TO WHICH THEY HAD FALLEN BACK. —REUTER.

#### PETAIN HAS GOOD NEWS

"IT IS NOT OFTEN THAT I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE GOOD NEWS," SAID MARSHAL PETAIN, BROADCASTING TO THE FRENCH PEOPLE FROM VICHY YESTERDAY, "BUT HERE IS ONE SUCH OCCASION."

He then announced the beginning of old age pensions, which will amount to 3,600 francs a year in the provinces and 5,200 francs in the Paris region for those over 60.

About 1,300,000 persons will probably be affected. —Reuter.

#### Mr. Kwai Hopes SEIZURE OF FRENCH VESSEL

Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, first Japanese Minister to Australia, presenting his credentials to the Governor-General yesterday, said Japan desired that the long friendship between Japan and Australia would be maintained and cultivated to the utmost.

Lord Gowrie, replying, hoped Mr. Kawai's appointment, following the appointment of an Australian Minister to Japan, would promote mutual understanding.

Lord Gowrie added that the exchange of Ministers was most significant in the light of common interest in amicable relations in the Pacific. —Reuter.

#### INDIAN EXPORTS DECISION

The Government of India has decided, with effect from a date to be announced shortly, that exports from India to destinations outside the Empire should be permitted only conditionally that the goods concerned are not insured against marine and war risks with enemy companies. —Reuter.

South Africa has taken responsibility for detention of the French cargo vessel "Ville de Majunga."

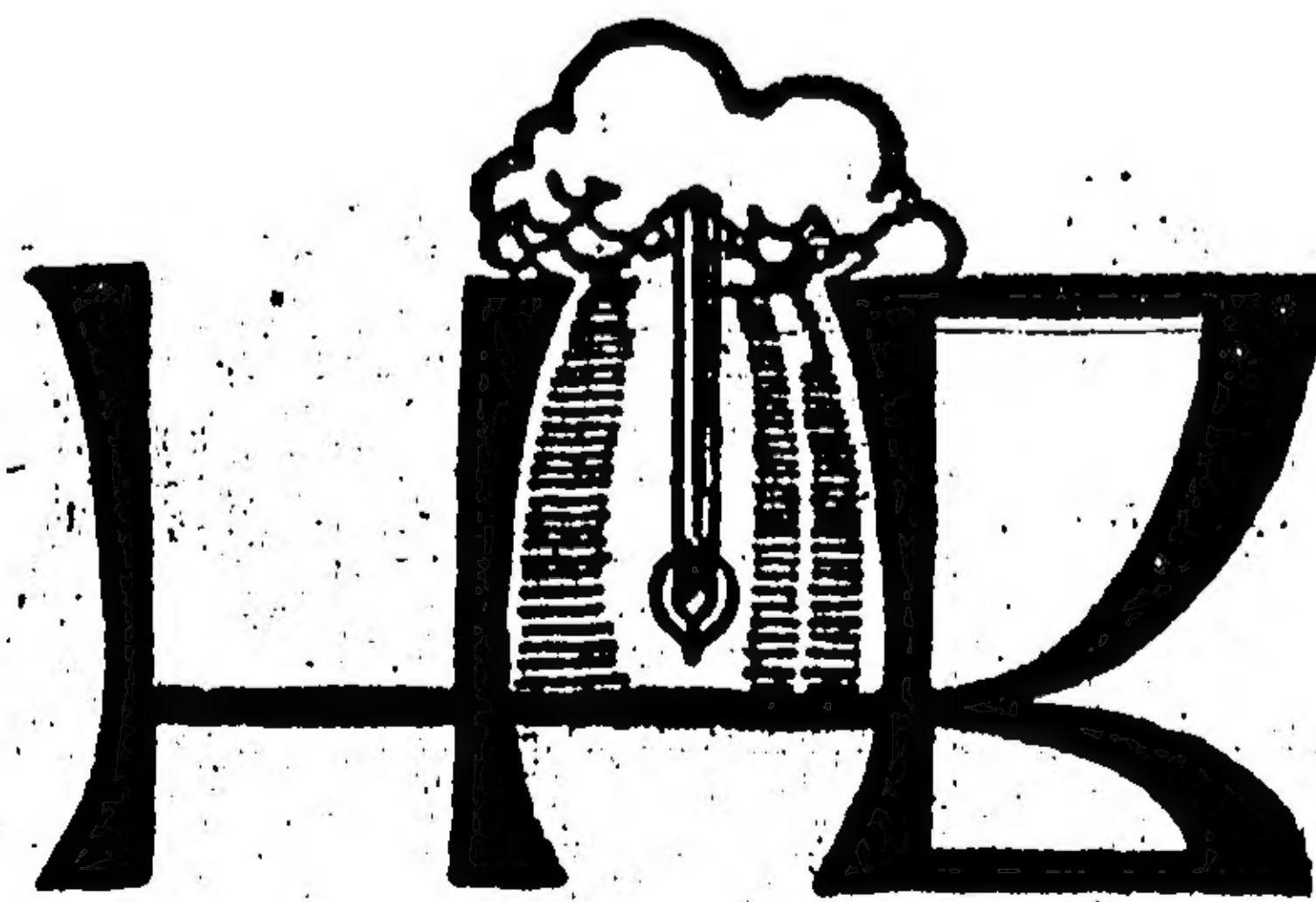
Questioned in the Assembly at Capetown yesterday regarding seizure of the vessel off the South African coast by a British warship, the Minister at Commerce declared the vessel had not been seized but ordered by a British warship to proceed to Capetown, where she was requisitioned for use by the Union or the Allies.

This was done under the Union's war regulations. It was the action of the Union Government and no protest had been lodged by the French Minister in South Africa. —Reuter.

#### GERMAN RAID CASUALTIES

The Berlin evening papers stated yesterday that 20 were killed and 28 injured as a result of the R.A.F. raid on Berlin on Wednesday night. —Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!



# SOMALILAND CAMPAIGN ENDING

## Capture Or Surrender Of Last Italian Remnants

### 12 GIRLS FORM FIRE BRIGADE

Twelve girls have formed a fire brigade in the Yorkshire village of Leeming Bar.

Most of the men in the village are engaged on A.R.P. and Home Guard duties, but an A.R.P. warden found time to train the girls, who include typists, clerks, domestic servants, factory employees and a shop assistant.

Their ages range from sixteen to twenty-four, and all are eagerly waiting their chance to show what they can do.

Twenty-two-year-old Mary Capell, granddaughter of Mrs. A. E. King, the local innkeeper, told a reporter: "Mr. Fred Jackson, of Milburn-terrace, Leeming Bar, was the founder and trainer of our squad. He is delighted with our progress."

"We held dances to raise funds for equipment and uniform. Mothers and fathers who have never been to a dance for years came along."

"The nearest men's fire brigade is at Bedale, two miles away. They might be busy so we want to be able to deal with an emergency in our village."

Another member, Miss Betty Banks, twenty-two, railway clerk, said: "We have not quite decided on the style of the uniform, but it may be the trouser type of over-all with a tin hat."

## Abyssinian Operations Proceeding

**BRITISH OPERATIONS IN ABYSSINIA CONTINUE ACCORDING TO PLAN, WHILE MOPPING UP OPERATIONS IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND ARE RAPIDLY ENDING WITH THE CAPTURE OR SURRENDER OF THE LAST REMNANTS OF THE ENEMY.**

These latest developments are contained in an official communique issued in Nairobi yesterday, which adds:

"Since the advent of the topees and slouch hats of the Imperial troops, which are now a familiar feature in Italian Somaliland, as they were in Kenya, fresh confidence has been installed in many native inhabitants and conditions throughout the occupied territory are rapidly becoming normal."

Meanwhile R.A.F. fighters and bombers continue to punish the Italian armies in Albania and Africa with remarkably few losses. Here are the highlights of their latest activities as recorded by the R.A.F. Middle East communique:

**Libya.**—The naval basin and main quay of Tripoli were heavily raided on Wednesday night. Bombs fell along the entire length of the quayside, causing fires and very large explosions near the lighthouse. A road junction and military buildings east of Tripoli were bombed.

### Keren Raids

**Eritrea.**—Motor transport, troops, gun positions, and railway and road bridges were bombed and machine-gunned around the Italian fortress of Keren.

**Abyssinia.**—The South African Air Force continued to give support to the advancing British troops.

**Albania.**—Sesseno Island, off Valona aerodrome was bombed on Wednesday night and considerable damage done.—Reuter.

### GENERAL FIRMNESS ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange was very quiet yesterday but generally firm except for industrials, where sentiment was adversely affected by reduced cement dividends, which caused sharp declines in the shares concerned. Home rails met with further provincial enquiry while Brazilians were again supported. Oils were idle as were Kaffirs, apart from early Cape buying. Wall Street was quietly steady.—Reuter.

### NURSE'S RESCUE AS BOMBS FELL

A. R. P. Nurse Ivy Marsh rescued a wounded police officer from beneath wreckage and attended his wounds as bombs were crashing about her in an East Midland town.

Presenting Miss Marsh with a gold watch, the Chief Constable said: "The police wish to mark your gallantry and courage."

Before rescuing the officer, Miss Marsh was buried by debris when a bomb wrecked the building occupied by her unit. She was stunned by the explosion, but crawled unhurt from the wreckage and carried on.

### TWO-OCEAN NAVY BILL ENDORSED

The U.S. House of Representatives yesterday passed, and the Senate endorsed, a Bill for \$34,000,000,000 to help finance a United States two-ocean navy.

Funds for building six battle-cruisers of a new type are provided in the Bill.—Reuter.

### SAYS FIREMEN HAD NO FOOD

Criticism of Manchester's handling of raid problems was answered when the City Council discussed the Emergency Committee's report on the recent air attack.

It was alleged that firemen working during the raid had no food for more than twenty hours; that the number of rest centres and their equipment were inadequate, and that there had been delay in re-housing homeless people.

"The Government are largely to blame in the matter of people failing to take any notice of the firewatchers order," said Alderman J. Toole.

"The Government should tell the owners of big buildings who take no steps to prevent fires when bombs have fallen, that there will be no compensation for them if the buildings are destroyed."

### NO-GLAMOUR GIRL IS STAR

This is an "I remember when . . ." story. Four years ago, in a barn theatre in a little Surrey town, a bunch of hard-working youngsters were running their own repertory company.

They had just come down from dramatic academy and because they could not find producers with enough faith to give them their chance, they had banded together to try to earn their own living.

They had no business management, precious little capital. Ringleader was a girl.

About five-foot-nothing, with an elfish, eager little face and a shock of untidy hair.

She produced all the shows, played the principal part in most of them.

Her name was Mary Morris. She was just nineteen.

### Leslie's Promise

Now Mary Morris has been given a contract any film girl would be proud to sign—to play lead opposite Leslie Howard in a film "Pimpernel Smith." And no one was more surprised than Mary.

"I'd heard a lot about Mary Morris," Leslie Howard told a reporter, "but I never met her till last week."

"People who knew I was hunting for a leading lady kept mentioning her name and then spilling it all by saying things like: 'But you wouldn't like her,' or 'She isn't the type,' or 'She's the last person in the world for you.'"

"We've had to change the script to suit her personality. Originally the part was designed for a glamour girl."

"But I think I can promise an unusual kind of love story."

## BURNED RICHES SHE HID IN GRATE

Fearing burglars, a jeweller's widow placed her jewellery and £128 in notes in the grate of her flat "for safety" and covered it with firewood.

When she returned in the evening she forgot the valuables and lit the fire. The money and most of the jewellery, including a £350 pearl necklace, were reduced to ashes.

In the King's Bench Division she claimed that the loss was covered by a fire insurance policy.

"If a cook left a turkey in the oven too long and it was burned to a cinder, there could be no claim," replied Mr. H. D. Samuels, K.C., for the underwriter who contested the claim. Where damage was done by fire in the place where fire was intended to be, he submitted, such fire was not covered by an insurance policy.

### Became Nervous

Mrs. Flora Harris, of Chartfield Avenue, Putney, S.W., widow of the late chairman of Mappin and Webb, Ltd., claimed from Mr. Kenneth Gordon Poland, a Lloyd's underwriter.

Mr. M. Berryman, for Mrs. Harris, said there had been an attempted burglary at the flat. That was why Mrs. Harris became nervous.

"She lit the fire and went to bed in complete ignorance of what she had done," he added, saying she did not remember it until next morning.

Mr. Samuels said there was no suggestion that the claim was other than perfectly honest.

Mr. Justice Atkinson reserved judgment.

## TENANTS PAY GUARD

Landlords and tenants are arguing about the Government's plan to appoint fire bomb fighters on all substantial buildings.

Some tenants have decided to leave roof-top watching to the landlord. They say it is his building and he should be responsible.

Landlords have rejected the responsibility and suggested that the tenants should take it in turns to guard the roof against incendiaries.

The order just made under the Defence Regulations by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, provides that a fire-bomb fighter be present on premises in which more than thirty persons work, and states that the occupiers of the premises are responsible for this.

A solution has been reached in some instances. The landlord pays half the wages of a fire bomb-fighter and the tenants pay the other half among them.



### WINDPROOF

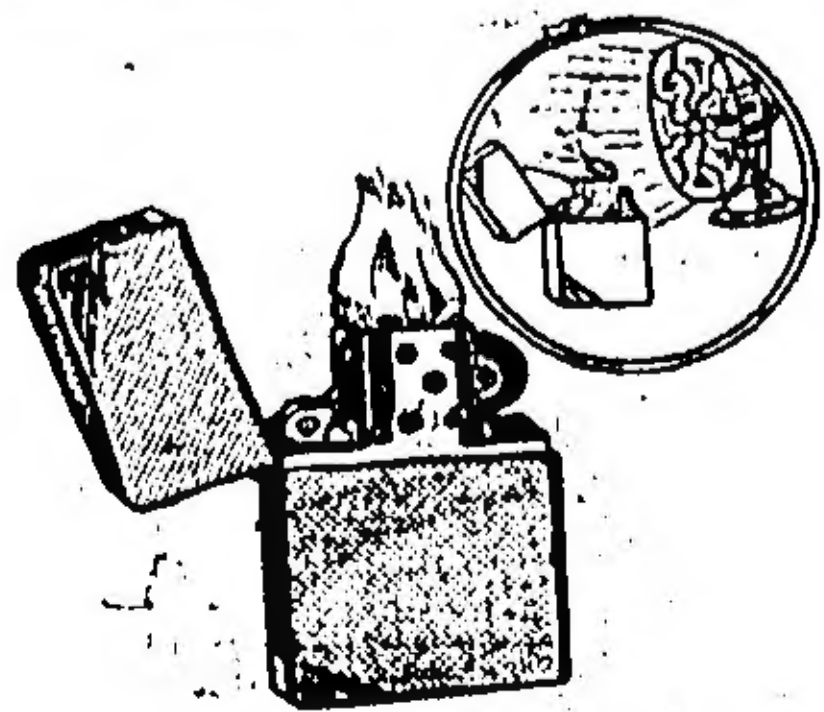
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# UNITED STATES STARTS NEW AID TO BRITAIN

## First War Material On The Way

SOME OF THE DEFENCE MATERIAL TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE UNITED STATES TO BRITAIN HAS ALREADY STARTED FOR ITS DESTINATION.

Mr. Henry Stimson, Secretary for War, announcing this in Washington yesterday, said he did not give details as he thought premature disclosure would be unfair to Britain.

President Roosevelt will tell the American people over a radio network this evening how he will use the great powers entrusted to him under the Lease and Lend Act.

## "PERFECT WOMAN" RULES A SHELTER

Mrs. Maggie Pritchard, a labourer's wife, was so lavish in her praise when she telephoned about the "perfect woman" she had found, that a reporter went to investigate.

The paragon is Nurse Rose, christened Victorine and inevitably renamed Mary.

She looks after the people who use a shelter below St. Anne's Church, Seaton Place, in the borough of St. Pancras, London.

Life in the shelter had been miserable.

It was freezing cold in the refuge, and the shelterers never had anything to eat in the evenings except cold food. Nurse Rose came, and soon there were warm stoves, a kitchen and hot drinks for everyone.

Nurse Rose inspires confidence and affection. Five-foot-nothing, and with what the fashion advertisements term a "matron's figure," she is kind and gentle and yet ready for any emergency.

A couple of nights ago she heaved out single-handed half-a-dozen muscular, drunken rowdies who were disturbing the peace of the shelter and molesting women sleepers.

"Maggie has been much too kind," said Nurse Rose. "The real 'key' woman here is Dr. Eleanor Thistlethwaite, my chief, who has just been appointed 'Shelter Doctor'."

"Now there's a woman for you. Working sixteen hours a day, and often longer. She gets things done."

It's perfectly true that the folk here were almost freezing to death. Mrs. Pritchard's only baby was taken to hospital three weeks ago with bronchitis and is still there.

"Common sense . . . that's all there is to it. And don't wait for red tape to be untangled, or you'll never get anywhere."

"These people deserve the best. I only try to see that they get it within the limited means at my disposal."

The President will be speaking at the annual dinner of the White House Correspondents' Association.

Other guests will be the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, Mr. Wendell Willkie, members of the Cabinet and the Diplomatic Corps.

There has been no decision as regards transferring additional naval craft to Britain, declared President Roosevelt at his press conference yesterday. Reports of transferring 100 naval craft were inaccurate.

### Food Supplies

NO CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO TYPES OR NUMBERS OF SHIPS, THOUGH THAT DID NOT MEAN THAT SOME WAR VESSELS MIGHT NOT BE TRANSFERRED IN FUTURE.

The President indicated that the Government intended to proceed cautiously over the question of supplying food to German-occupied European countries.

If the United States provided food there should be a certainty that none could go outside the country being helped.

They should be clear on the facts concerning the food situation in Europe before reaching conclusions.—Reuter.

## CLOTHES LOCKED UP, GIRL FLED DOWN LADDER

A GIRL whose father kept her indoors and locked up her clothes to prevent her meeting a soldier escaped by climbing out of her bedroom window by means of a ladder.

This was stated at Clerkenwell (London) Police Court, when the girl, Elsie Fisher, eighteen, of Chapel Street, Bolton Old Road, Atherton, Lancs, who wore trousers, pleaded guilty to travelling on the railway without paying her fare.

Detective-Sergeant Tester said the girl was found on an express train at Euston without a ticket. She had only a few shillings, and said she had run away from home. She was daughter of a Mr. William Fisher.

She had been keeping company with a soldier, but he was regarded by her father as an undesirable friend.

To prevent the girl from meeting the soldier, Mr. Fisher kept her indoors and locked up her clothes.

"On Saturday night she had a few words with her father, and told him she would leave home," the officer continued.

### Fled During Night

"Next morning it was found that she had climbed out of her

bedroom window by means of a ladder.

"What are we to do with you now?" Mr. W. J. H. Brodrick, the magistrate, asked the girl.

"I don't know, sir," she replied.

Miss Hamilton-Hunter, the court missionary, said she would like to get in touch with the girl's people to see whether they would like to have her back.

After a talk with the girl, Miss Hamilton-Hunter reported that she refused to go home.

The girl was remanded in custody.

### ATTACHE'S MISHAP

A British plane in which Group Capt. Tankerville Chamberlayne, formerly British Air Attache to Portugal, was flying was forced down by bad weather at Oporto.



POLAND FIGHTS ON. Polish troops, cooperating with the British forces, have shared the fighting and victories in the Western Desert. Photo shows a Polish column—note mule drawn anti-tank guns.

## NAZI COLONIAL PLAN IN NORWAY

NAZI PLANS TO TREAT Norway as a German colony are confirmed by reports received from Oslo, the Norwegian telegraph agency in London declared yesterday.

Norwegian waterpower is to be exploited by a new organisation called the Norwegian Electric Development Corporation, set up by Terboven, the Nazi Commissioner.

A new town is to be established near the Great Aura waterfall, and six to seven thousand people are to be compulsorily removed there from Christiansund.

Norwegians are distrustful, fearing the Germans will exploit the waterpower for their war industries.

Some few of Quisling's party suspect that this control, coupled with the hold over Norway's remaining shipping, will ruinously affect the country's economy.—Reuter.

### REBUILDING "TEST CASE"—COVENTRY

Coventry will be a "test case," so far as the difficulties which will arise in rebuilding bombed areas are concerned.

The suggestion was made by the Minister of Works and Buildings, Lord Reith, when he discussed the rebuilding of the city with its re-development committee.

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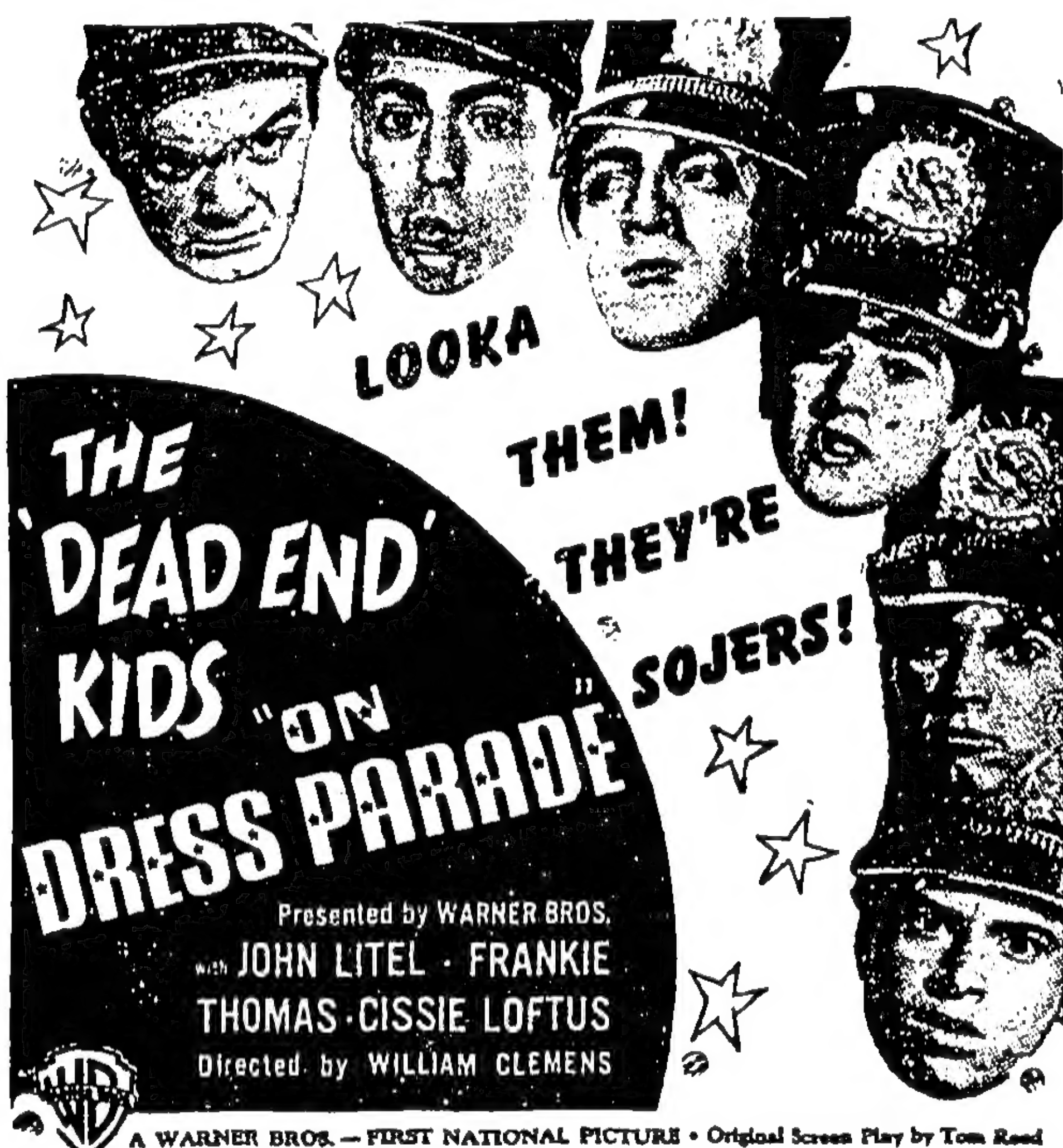
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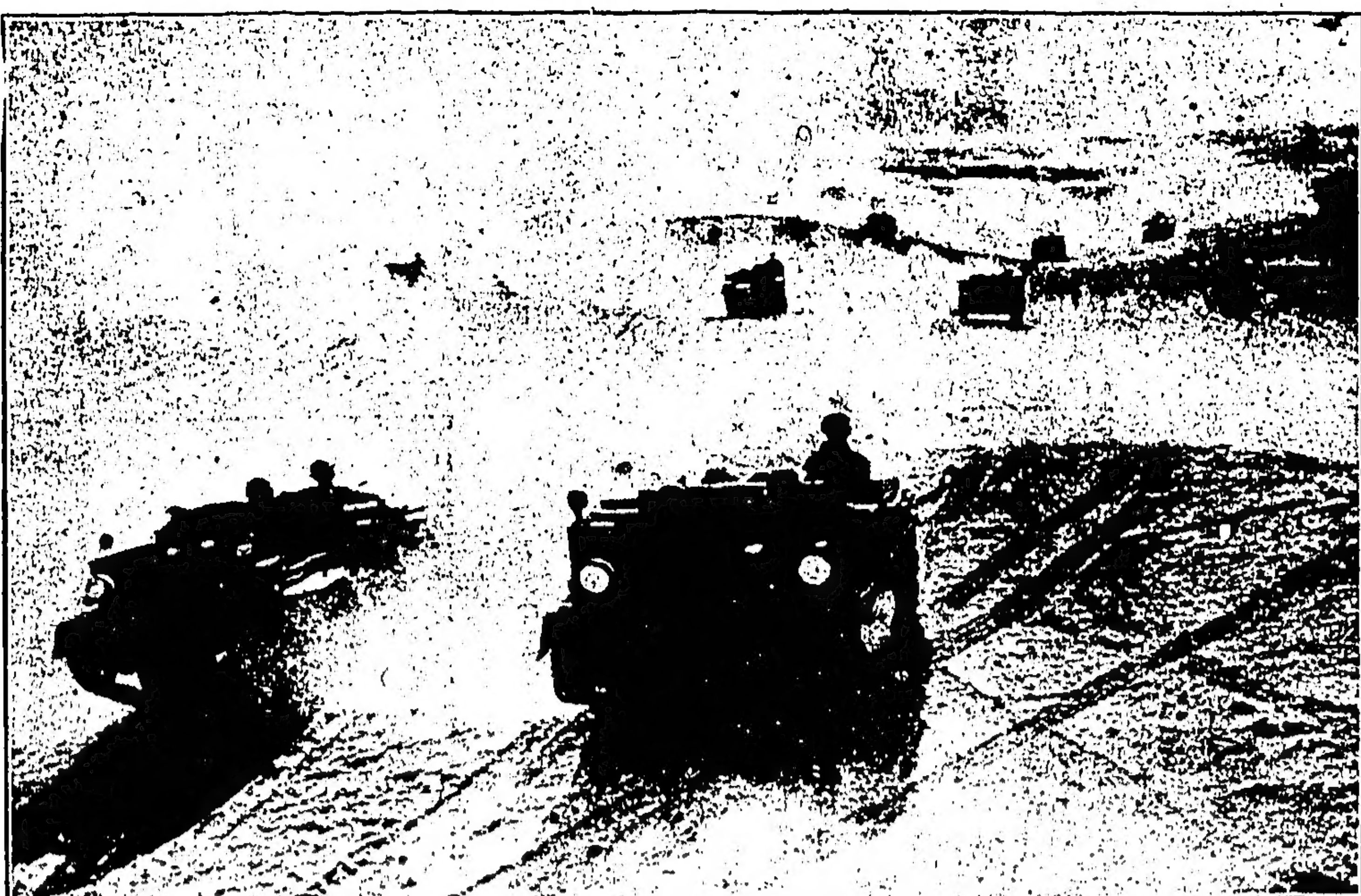
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## Officer Was Chased Round A Seaport

AFTER AN exciting chase round Dover, a young Army officer who had broken away from an escort was taken back to barracks in a truck by a superior officer, it was stated at Chelsea court martial.

Second Lieutenant James Peter Lee, twenty-three, Royal Fusiliers, faced fifteen charges. Seven of them alleged that Lee behaved in a "scandalous manner unbecoming an officer and a gentleman" in giving cheques knowing he had not the funds to meet them, and alternative charges alleged "conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline" in failing to ensure that he had sufficient funds at the bank.

The total sum involved was £30. It was stated that all the cheques had been met.

Lee was also accused of absenting himself without leave while on duty, escaping when under arrest, and breaking away from an escort.

He pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Dealing with the charges relating to Lee's arrest, the prosecuting officer said that a second lieutenant told Lee he was to return with him under escort.

Lee succeeded in giving him the slip and there was a certain amount of running about Dover. Some hours later Lee was brought in and again the second lieutenant was there to take him to barracks.

After making one or two pretences Lee again broke away from the second lieutenant and had to be caught a second time.

### Wife Feared Shooting

Captain Edwin Hyde, who was acting adjutant, told how, as Lee failed to report for duty, he instructed Second Lieutenant Highgate to go to an hotel and escort him to barracks. Captain Hyde went to the hotel himself. Lee was brought back by two naval policemen. Captain Hyde took him to barracks in a truck.

Lieutenant Robert Highgate said that at the hotel Lee went out of the room as his wife was asking witness questions.

Afterwards he saw Lee get out of a car with his wife. He told Lee to come with him and took his revolver.

"Just as we got to the door he broke away from me and rushed in the direction of Dover Harbour," added Lieutenant Highgate. "I followed him and ordered him, at the top of my voice, to stop. Mrs. Lee grasped my elbow because I had his revolver in my hand and she

thought I was going to shoot him."

Lee in evidence said he could remember nothing about being absent when he should have been duty officer.

His wife had been in Dover since the beginning of September and was staying at the Esplanade Hotel. It was not her fault that he stayed out. He did not remember dining with her that night.

"I do remember having a feeling of being hunted," he said.

### Not Ready For Marriage

Dr. Felix Brown, Registrar in Psychological Medicine at Guy's Hospital, in a report of an examination of Lee, stated that, failing hospital treatment, work as a farm labourer for six months would be most suitable for him.

There was extreme instability both of up-bringing and constitution. "The marriage has probably been the prime difficulty," he added. "I should say that emotionally he was not ready for the responsibilities of marriage."

Lee was not certifiably insane. He was unstable and irresponsible. The trial was adjourned.

### 3 MORE GEORGE CROSSES WON

The award of three George Crosses and four George Medals to naval officers was announced in the "London Gazette."

The George Cross, "for great gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty," is awarded to Temporary Lieutenant Robert S. Armitage, R.N.V.R. Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.) Richard V. Moore, R.N.V.R., and Probationary Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.) John H. Babington, R.N.V.R.

The George Medal, "for gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty," is awarded to Lieutenant-Commander (Acting Commander) Edward O. Obbard, D.S.C., R.N., Lieutenant Donald W. Speirs, R.N.R., Probationary Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.) John Bridge, R.N.V.R., and Probationary Temporary Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.) Peter D. Friend, R.N.V.R.

## R.A.F. GET "SOFT"

There is a village "somewhere in the North" where R.A.F. men are so well looked after by the local mothers and girls, that the C.O. has complained.

"The villagers out of kindness, give the men so much to eat that they are becoming fat and unfit," he told a reporter.

"The girls of the house actually clean the men's buttons and boots, and I am afraid that if this sort of thing goes on the men will be getting soft."

One of the girls said, "The men are out on duty all day and are working for our protection."

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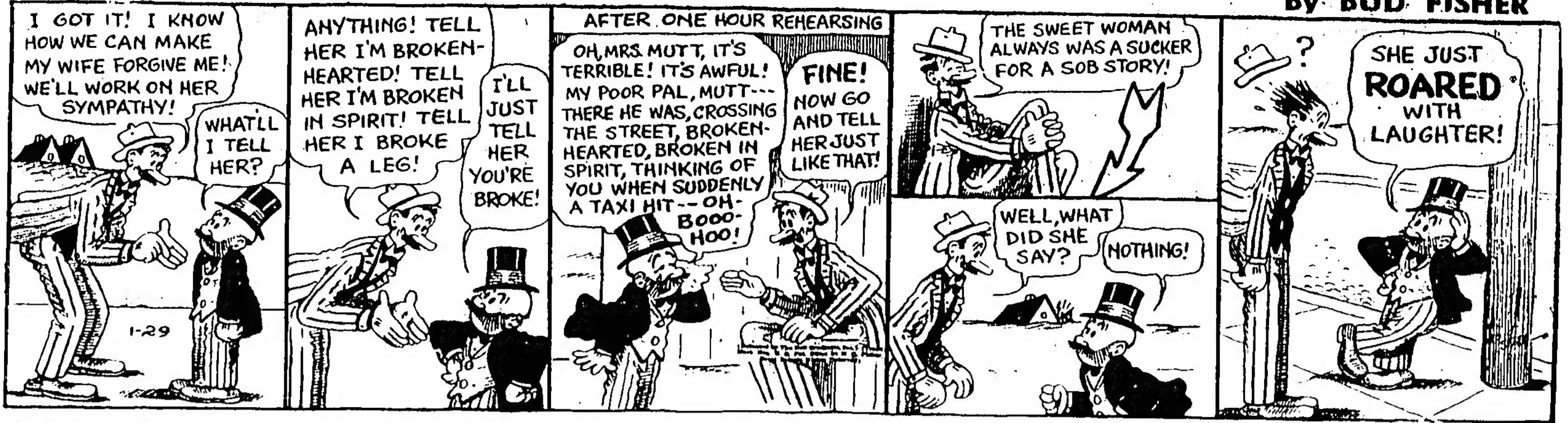
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LAST LOAD OF THE PIONEERS

It was their last load. The men of the Pioneer Corps unit stepped back, wiped the perspiration from their foreheads as the lorry took away the rubble from the site of wrecked houses in London. Their work was done.

One of them, a married man with five children, was looking forward to his leave the next day. Then a bomb crashed into their midst from a lone daylight raider. Five men were killed and several injured. A girl, aged thirteen, was also killed. Her playmate, a boy of ten, Leslie Madden, was only injured.

'Everyone Loved Them'

When rescuers ran up, they found a dead soldier lying beside the injured boy, with his arm outstretched as if he had tried to push him to safety.

When they carried Leslie to a nearby house with a severe wound in the leg, he said, "How's the soldier?"

Mrs. Bryan, who lives opposite the site, told a reporter: "The Pioneers were wonderful fellows. Everyone loved them."

"As they carried one soldier away with a crushed leg, he cried to me from the stretcher, 'I'll come and see you one day, ma. I've still got the other leg.'"

'CLIP' DESERTS THE R.A.F.

If you happen to come across a brown mongrel dog with a wrinkled forehead, you can put another furrow in his brow with this piece of news.

Acting Pilot-Officer Clip, you have been court-martialled and reduced to the rank of A. C. (2). That's what comes of being jealous about a goat and absenting oneself without leave.

A. C. (2) Clip, late A.P., is the mascot of a famous fighter squadron stationed near London. They rescued him from a dog's home.

With kindly tolerance, the officers describe him as of "an Irish terrier type," and speak fondly of his white and his engaging wrinkled brow.

Not that he had anything to give him wrinkles. He haunted the cockhouses and regularly attended medical parade for the sake of the olive oil doled out to him.

For three months Clip dwelt in this canine Garden of Eden but then the serpent appeared in the form of a billy goat.

All day the officers spent discussing the advantages of adopting the goat. Clip moped.

That night they decided that the goat should be theirs. And Clip, another wrinkle appearing suddenly on his forehead, slunk off into the night. Now the officers long for their old love.

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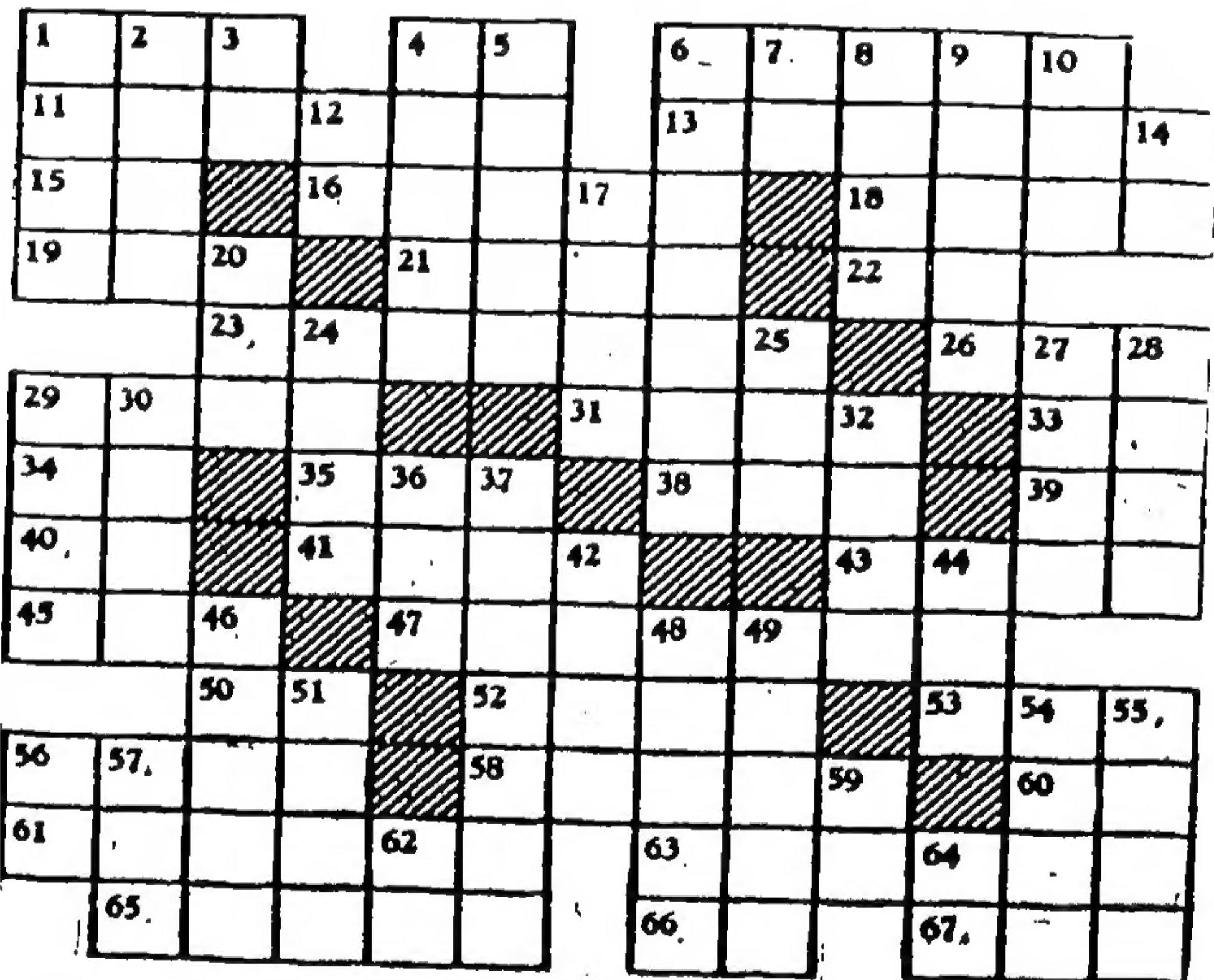
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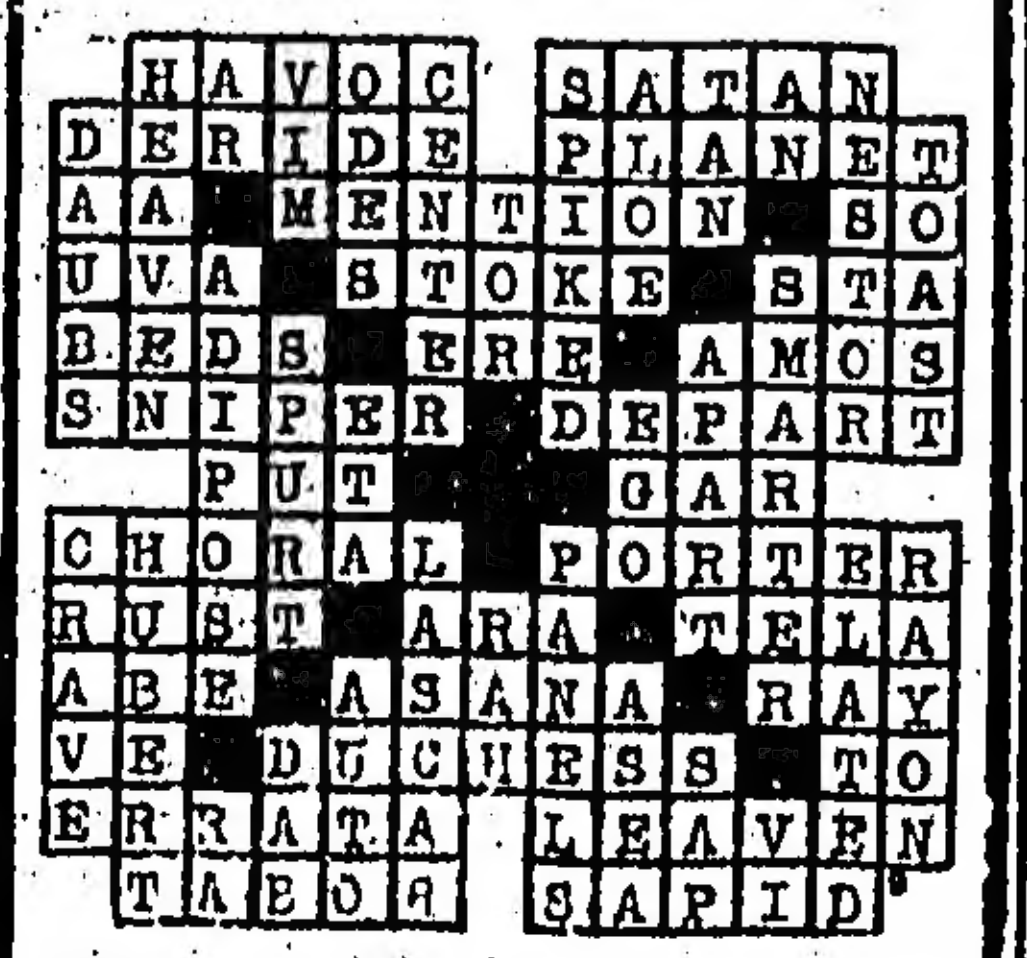
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  - 53 Wager
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- 58 The royal antelope
- 60 Indo-Chinese language
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- 4 Chief artery
- 5 To distort
- 6 Woman who holds a title
- 7 Nine
- 8 French coins
- 9 Arraigned
- 10 Greek letter
- 12 Note of scale
- 14 What?
- 17 To cloy
- 20 Newt
- 24 To gallop
- 25 Scotch for "no"
- 27 To assist
- 28 Mother of Apollo
- 29 Breezy
- 30 Part of the eye
- 32 Single thing
- 36 Part of a circle
- 37 Oriental labourers
- 42 To strike
- 44 Bill
- 46 Gem obtained from mollusks
- 48 Loyal
- 49 One who plays a part
- 54 Stake
- 54 Pitcher
- 55 Story
- 56 Bone
- 57 To steal from
- 59 Plural ending
- 62 Exists
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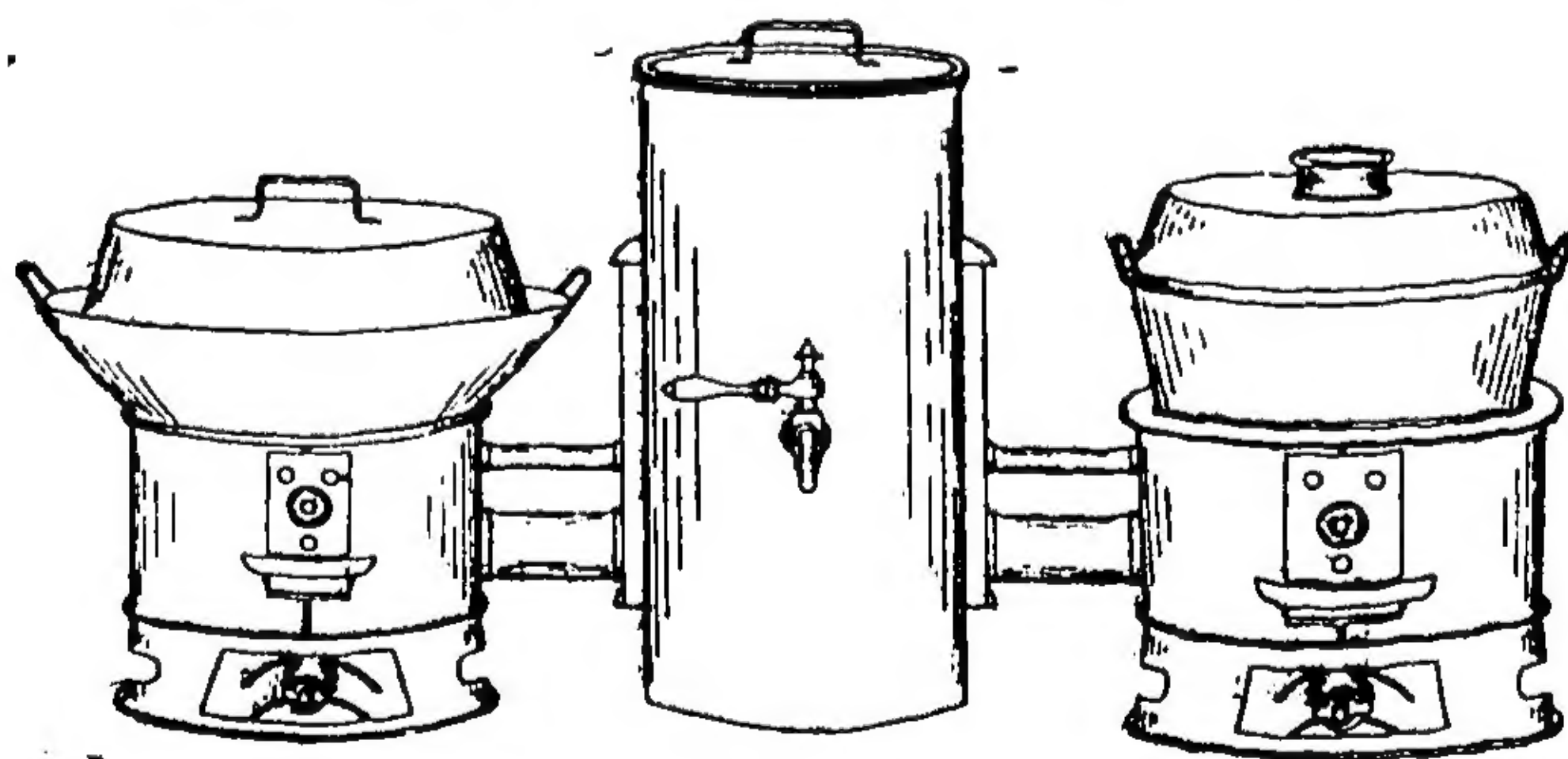
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# WOMEN PRAY FOR PEACE IN ROME

(By A Special Correspondent)

**NOT FAR FROM the Colosseum in Rome is the old church of San Pietro in Vincoli.— St. Peter in Chains — one of the most famous buildings in Italy. I walked in there the other day expecting to find it deserted, and got the shock of my life.**

Gathered around the statue of the Holy Virgin on the right as you go into the church were hundreds of weeping women and old men.

They were widows and other relatives of Italians who fell in Albania. It was not the fact that they were there that shocked me. It was the enormous number of them.

Standing wedged together before the statue, sobbing bitterly, they formed a great dark mass of misery which practically blocked the whole entrance of the church, this church which I remember used to be so quiet with so few people in it.

"Yes, they come here in hundreds now to mourn their soldier dead," one of the old officers of the church told me. "We have never seen anything like it before."

"I have never seen so many mourners at one time, not even in the last war. And it is the same in many other churches too."

He said that ecclesiastics he had met from many other parts of Italy had told him of the daily growing groups of mourners, that the number of war widows who came to pray was far and away beyond the number of dead whose names appeared in small type in daily newspapers.

## Brutal Facts

The churches of Italy know the brutal facts about the war, know the might of the casualties in Albania, Egypt, and in the brief French campaign during which many thousands of Italians were killed.

Fascist censorship and the propaganda network brilliantly hushes up bad news in papers and cinemas, but it cannot keep the mourners away from churches.

When the fighting first began in Greece, the Italian papers used to give the names of the dead in big type on front pages. Since then the type has got smaller and smaller. Now the names of many of the fallen do not appear in papers at all.

The system of informing bereaved families privately has been developed, and the groups of weeping women in churches are the only really grim indication in Italy so far that the country is seriously at war, and that this war is hitting the Italian armies hard.

## Hiding The Wounded

The Italian authorities are going to extraordinary lengths to hide wounded soldiers. Though they are pouring back from Albania by plane and hospital ship, you never see a trainload of wounded. They are always moved at night under cover of the blackout. Special hospitals and mansions have been confiscated from Jews and set apart for them where they are carefully guarded. Rarely are relatives allowed to visit them. Squads of guards keep the general public at a distance.

Rumours of heavy casualties, started by the appearance of so many mourners in churches, were among the causes of a nation-wide grumbling about the war, which was attacked last week by the Italian Press. Before I left the tragic interior of the Church of St. Peter in Chains I went to look at Michelangelo's famous statue of Moses there. It was practically hidden from view by a sort of house made of bricks and cement which had been built round it to protect it in case of bombing.

The statue is supposed to be a symbol of strength controlled by superhuman will power.

Mussolini has ordered lead covering to be put down over all the mosaic flooring of churches and monumental buildings in Rome, so that if these buildings catch fire from incendiary bombs

the ancient floor work may be preserved.

Sandbags have been piled up round the Roman Forum and other relics of ancient Rome.

## Not Keen

Scarcely anyone in Italy has a gas mask. Probably some people have got them, but never carry them about. A friend of mine told me that they dumped a batch of rather antiquated gas masks at the college he visited in Rome the other day, with no instructions for their use.

The next day they put in some shovels and fire-fighting appliances with the remark: "You'll be needing these soon."

Factory owners and big employers of labour throughout Italy have been warned to build their own air-raid shelters; otherwise shelters will be built in their factories and they will pay for them and be fined as well. Everything is being done in a rush—as if Italy had just woken up to the fact that there is a war on.

There were scarcely any good air-raid shelters in Rome itself when Mussolini flung the country into the war. Now there are notices posted all over the capital showing you the way to the nearest ricovero (shelter). These preparations would probably put new heart into any other nation but not into the Italians.

They do not feel patriotic about this war. They tell you quite sincerely and openly that they are not enthusiastic about fighting.

## "Bomb Rome"

Rome's black-out has been made much blacker. You cannot get about at night without what the Italians call a "lampedena" — little hand torch.

I was stopped by the police in Rome one night near my hotel and told that the blue paint was wearing from the glass of the lampedena I was carrying. It is a strict rule that you must have dark blue paint thickly lathered over the glass. Restaurants are now not allowed to have even shaded lights outside their doors—only the word "Ristorante" lit up with one dim light.

Rome night life is dead. Restaurants close down early. Rome is expected to be bombed any day now. From the point of view of Britain one of the best things for the R.A.F. to do is to bomb Rome immediately.

I do not suggest bombing the centre of Rome, but the city's outskirts. I have no hesitation in saying that it would cause serious panic and greatly help the business of completely breaking up the morale of this already trembling capital.

The very noise of planes as they fly over the capital to bomb nearby factories and airports has a terrifying effect on the Italians.

## Listening To B.B.C.

The people who frame the B.B.C.'s News Bulletins to Italy have a great responsibility on their shoulders. For these bulletins are carefully listened to from one end of Italy to the other.

Listening-in to foreign broadcasts in Italy is strictly forbidden, but everyone listens in just the same. All classes know all about the British version of what is happening in Albania, Egypt, and the Mediterranean.

I know an Italian who listens regularly to B.B.C. bulletins broadcast in English because he made a point of coming to my house and telling me that every detail of the B.B.C. news broadcast regarding the R.A.F. raid on Taranto was true.

He had been down to Taranto, and, because of his official position, had been able to see for himself.

It may seem surprising to you that an Italian should come to my house like that to report the truth of the facts about a disaster to his country. This particular Italian, who is typical of many, has told me frequently that he thinks it would be far better if Britain succeeds in occupying Italy than if Germany wins the war. He says, and I believe him, that there is a large percentage of people in Italy who think this way.

When I refer to the responsibility of those who frame the B.B.C. news bulletins I mean to emphasise that care should be taken in these broadcasts not to make use of loose phrases which, while they may help to give an idea of a raid on Italy to the British public, undermine the confidence that hundreds of thousands of Italians have in B.B.C. news.

After one of the earlier raids on Naples the B.B.C. said in a broadcast that the glare of fires caused by bombs in Naples out-rivalled Vesuvius in eruption—or words to that effect. I did not hear the broadcast, but I repeat the words as given to me.

Several Italians told me that the broadcast gave a very exaggerated impression of what actually happened in Naples. One who was there at the time—he is a Catholic priest—said that five R.A.F. bombs fell slap through the middle of Naples station but failed to explode. They, of course, dislocated the railway line for a time but caused little damage. He said there was very little damage by fire.

In my opinion, as a person who watched Italian reactions carefully, I think the best policy in dealing with broadcasts to Italy would be to give just a simple account of facts about raids, with very little embroidery or supposition. It would help the power of British broadcasts to Italy.

## Fascism And The Church

One of the most vital developments in Italy in the past few days is a further serious widening of the gap between Mussolini and the Vatican. Fascists are daily becoming more jealous of the Church's power and grip it has on the masses.

I saw a group of young men walking in front of me down the Vittorio Veneto in Rome the other day stopped brusquely by a Fascist official in uniform who pointed to the badges on their lapels.

"Remove those at once," he said. They were badges showing that they were members of the Catholic Action organisation, one of the ordinary branches of the Catholic Church which has a very large membership.

The young men hesitated to remove badges, so the Fascist snatched them from two of the youths, shouting: "All young men in Italy who are not in uniform should by special order wear the badges of the Fascist Party."

Catholic officials have made a series of complaints to the Vatican that many young Catholic Action members have been held up like this. The Vatican for the present retains a discreet silence. It wants to avoid unnecessary trouble.

## Anti-Mussolini Drawings

The other day the order went round Italy that all true Fascists should wear shorts instead of long trousers, that shorts were the proper attire for a healthy man, and that they were the means of saving cloth, which is now very scarce in Italy. A few days later big drawings appeared on walls in Rome streets of Mussolini and Ciano in shorts, with very rude remarks printed beneath them.

That is the first time I can recall anti-Mussolini drawings in Rome. They will certainly not be the last.



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## ADMIRAL DARLAN'S DEMANDS

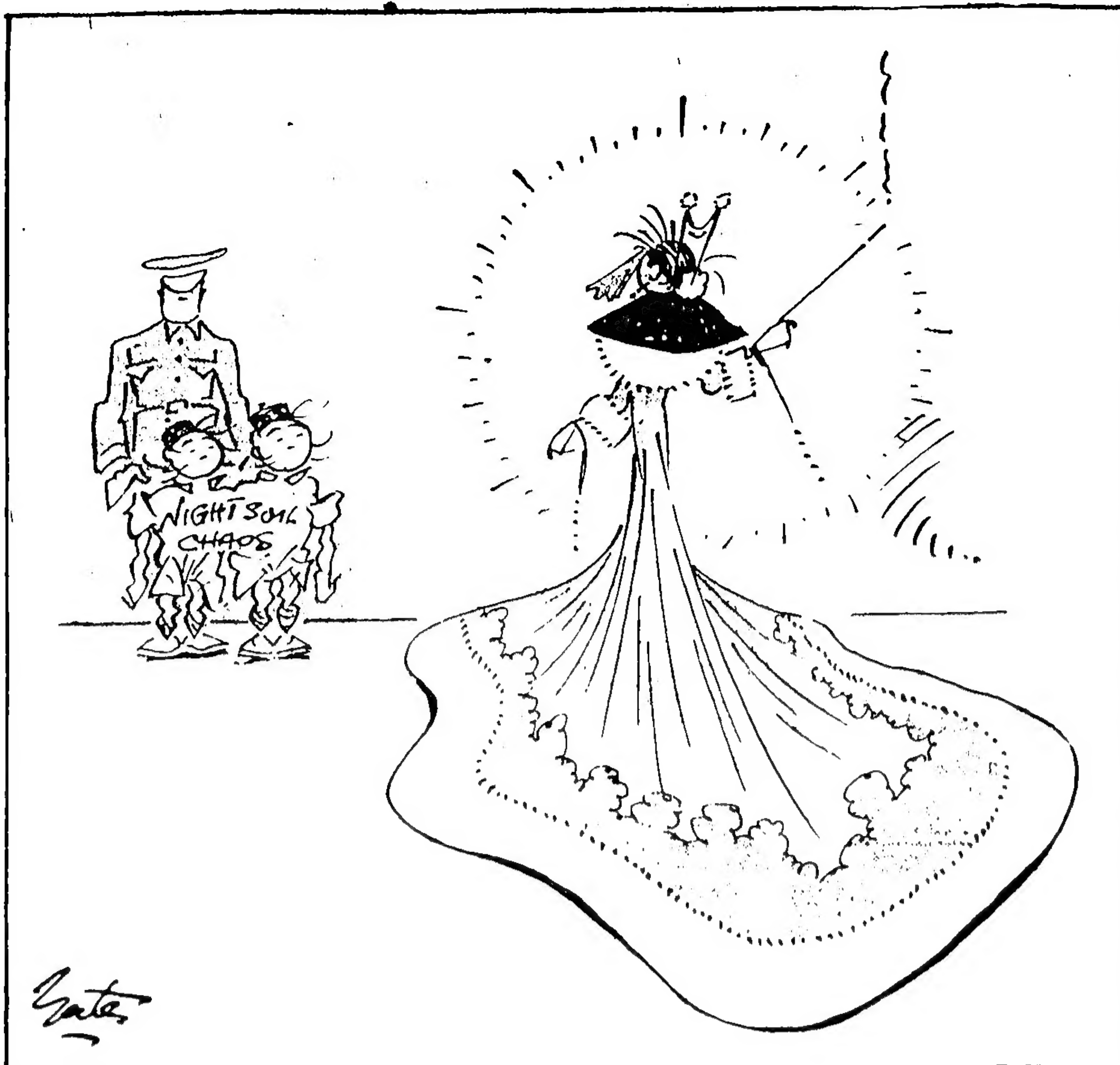
Two telegrams, closely following each other, have recently flashed around the world. One announced that the British Government had rejected the soup-kitchen experiment in Belgium, proposed by Mr. Herbert Hoover, on the ground that "relief for countries in enemy occupation would, whatever the conditions might be, postpone the day of victory". The other telegram stated that Admiral Darlan, the French Premier, in the presence of American correspondents, declared he would use the French fleet to escort food ships to France if Britain continued confiscating supply vessels. He apparently gave the British Government two weeks to think the matter over.

The question of supplying food to occupied countries has been in the minds of many people during the past winter months, but while the situation needs careful investigation, which it is, need less to say, receiving from the British authorities, every precaution has necessarily to be exercised not to allow sentiment to over-ride sound judgment. The picture of children, apparently starving, rushing headlong to the wharf waving French and American flags, to meet the American Red Cross supply ship which Britain allowed through the blockade, was somewhat crudely drawn and arouses suspicion that an intensified campaign is about to be made to create an atmosphere in which Britain would appear as the chief offender. Germany's crime in systematically plundering those countries under her domination would, by contrast, be largely forgotten, or at least, would tend to fade into insignificance. In other words, Britain fighting for her very existence, is to be asked to cede advantages to the Germans who, standing aloof and denying all responsibility, are waiting to seize every point misguidedly persons or cleverly disguised anti-British sympathisers are gaining for her. It is for Britain and Britain alone to judge whether the blockade, which, incidentally, Germany declares ineffective, should be raised for the benefit of those countries which Germany can rob at any moment without hindrance. Anne O'Hara McCormick, the well-known American writer, put the case well when she said: "by our (American) increasing investments and vital concern in its (Britain's) success we are restrained from interfering with measures the British deem necessary to win." Britain is indeed fighting the battle for freedom for the world as well as for herself, and no criticism, no argument should be tolerated or permitted which might force her to deviate even slightly from the course she has adopted.

Admiral Darlan, encouraged by Berlin, adopted an unfortunate tone, while Mr. Hoover, far removed from the responsibilities of an administrative post, is free to indulge in philanthropic works without having to take much cognizance of possible results. Admiral Darlan, in his threat of employing force, agreed with the Germans that the British blockade is ineffective and to prove his statement declared that Germany was able to release two million quintals of foodstuffs from her store of 270 million plundered from France as well as other conquered countries. If this is the case, though the gift was at best a niggardly one, considering the amount of food taken from France by Germany, it would seem that the question of supplies lies between the French Premier and Hitler and not between France and Britain.

Admiral Darlan, was, before the fall of France, an ardent advocate of the blockade and cooperated strongly with Britain in the employment of this device. Under different circumstances it is conceivable he has changed his opinion, but it cannot be assumed that the British Government have changed theirs. The blockade is, in fact, a weapon on which the

## ORPHANS OF THE STORM



The Merry Widow: Er—Yes, They're My Children. You see the system is that they look after me in my old age.

# We Guard Scapa Flow

By  
**Eric Linklater**

blew more fiercely than ever they had thought possible.

A change indeed, a drastic change, but they took it in their stride. Sometimes, of course, they grumbled—a man who doesn't grumble has lost hope, or lost interest in life—and to be truthful, they had cause for grumbling. In coast defence and air-defence you have to be constantly alert and continuously ready to meet an attack that generally doesn't come. And that gets very boring. It becomes so utterly, wearisome that even a change for the worse may be welcome. Nobody likes being bombed, but to survive danger is stimulating, whereas to survive boredom is boring still. A few months ago, I remember, we were heavily attacked one night after a long period of quiescence, and the tonic effect of a little danger was strikingly apparent on the following morning. Everybody was in a cheerful mood, and there was an air of positive gaiety in the camps.

Boredom is one of our worst enemies, but we are conquering it too with many weapons. The Army of to-day is a more sensible institution than it used to be. It has acquired more understanding, more sympathy, more friendliness than once it had. Not only the growth of democracy, but the real soundness of democracy, are conclusively demonstrated in its new way of life. Discipline remains of necessity, and discipline has not been impaired by the growth of democratic spirit. It has only lost a great deal of its harshness. In junior officers especially there is, I think, quite a new sense of responsibility. A good officer has always looked after his men's stomachs, and their feet, but nowadays a good officer—and there are many of them—will remember also their heads, and admit that their brains require a little nourishment as well.

With material nourishment the

men are well provided—not only by the Army. This is farming country, and hospitality is a dominant characteristic of the people of Orkney. Many a time a working-party gets lost and is rediscovered in the kitchen of a neighbouring farmhouse, where Government rations are supplemented by a sizeable meal of tea and scones and boiled eggs. And always, of course, wherever the English go, there are gardens.

But do not think the Army has become a sort of modern Utopia. These are mitigations, and mitigations only, of a strenuous, uncomfortable and disagreeable existence. A cold and dangerous and boring existence—though many have freely chosen it, and with good humour will endure it till the day comes when the untutored Hun has learned again the lesson that war does not pay.

You may recall, perhaps, a story told about Ribbentrop a few years ago. Someone told him that Germany's most regrettable deficiency was a sense of humour. Ribbentrop, indignant, declared that in Germany they had cultivated a sense of humour that in all the world was unequalled for its balance and quick perception and massive proportion.

"There have been times," he said, "when I was at Berchtesgaden with my Fuehrer, and Goering perhaps, or Himmler and Rudolph Hess, and someone has told a funny story. A story so funny that we have all seen the point of it, and rolled upon the ground in the ecstasy of our uncontrollable merriment. Does that not prove our sense of humour?" Perhaps it does, but a humour too excessive, too Wagnerian one might say, for general sympathy. A more promising and engaging sort of humour, I think, is that which our soldiers daily show in their uncongenial life. It comes, essentially, from good humour.

The other day, at a little harbour, I was watching some men unloading the long sections of corrugated iron, of which Nissen huts are built. It was cold as usual, it was raining as usual, and the whole scene was very dreary. But the soldiers, in high spirits, were singing a ridiculous song of which the theme was expressed in the line, "There aren't many pickles on a pound of pickled pork." Now that may or may not be true, but this assuredly is true: that only men who were full of good humour would sing at all in such conditions. And this, I think, is also true: that in their choice of so ridiculous a song, they expressed their conviction that war itself, at this time of day, is a ridiculous occupation. They were engaged in a war from sheer necessity, and their will to victory was not fanatical but a civilised determination.

## Confident England

Three men who know more than the general public can know have warned Great Britain to expect within the next few weeks a determined attempt by Nazi Germany to win the war by breaking British resistance in the British Isles. They are Mr. Cordell Hull, head of the State Department at Washington; Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production; and the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill. Without the special knowledge which these men possess the British people had already reached the same conclusion. They are prepared to endure the strongest effort Hitler can make to crush them, and they are quietly confident.

An unofficial envoy from the United States, Colonel Donovan, who is visiting England for the second time since the war began, declares that when he was last here he found resolution and valour. Now he finds confidence as well. An unofficial envoy from Spain, Senor Del Pozo, who was

By Wickham Steed

sent to England by General Franco last September, then believed that Hitler would win the war quickly. Now he declares in a public statement that sudden victory is impossible for the Axis and that Britain has the means and the determination to wage a long war and to fight to the end for victory.

From what I know of our people and of the situation I think that both these unofficial foreigners judge rightly. But I think this for reasons which neither of them has mentioned. These reasons lie more in the quality of recent events than in the events themselves.

If Hitler had attacked England with all his strength last May after the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force from Dunkirk he might have crippled this country so severely that its chance of final victory would have been small. Though the greater part of its army had been saved, the 300,000 men miraculously evacuated from Dunkirk had lost their guns, equipment and munitions. Months were needed to reorganise and reequip this army. The British Air Force was relatively weak. Aircraft production was comparatively slow. The British coasts were inadequately defended. But instead of profiting by these circumstances Hitler preferred to move against Paris because he knew that his propaganda and his agents had already undermined French resistance. He may also have believed that French capitulation would be followed by British capitulation.

So he lost valuable weeks while Britain gained them. His great air offensives in August and September were defeated. His preparations to invade England by sea were smashed. Yet in Egypt and the Middle East the British position was precarious. The French surrender had completely upset Franco-British plans for defending North Africa against Italy. When Marshal Graziani's vanguard moved into the Western Egyptian Desert the British forces in Egypt were far inferior to the Italians in numbers and equipment.

We know now from the huge quantities of stores and arms captured how serious was the Italian threat. Italy could supply her forces across the Mediterranean whereas British troops and supplies had to be sent round the Cape of Good Hope. Great risks were successfully taken. In these circumstances the quality of the British victories in Egypt and Libya is even more striking than their immediate political and military effects. Weightier still in its moral and material influence upon the probable course of the war is the decision of President Roosevelt that aid to Great Britain shall henceforth be lent or leased by the United States, not sold for cash or on credit. Of all recent events this is the most significant.

Therefore we believe that victory will be won for a truly new order in Europe and the world, and that this new order will be based upon what Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Trade Union leader who is British Minister of Labour, has called the ideal of equality in a commonwealth of free peoples.

Here, at last, we have a war aim that sanctions all sacrifices and emboldens our struggle.

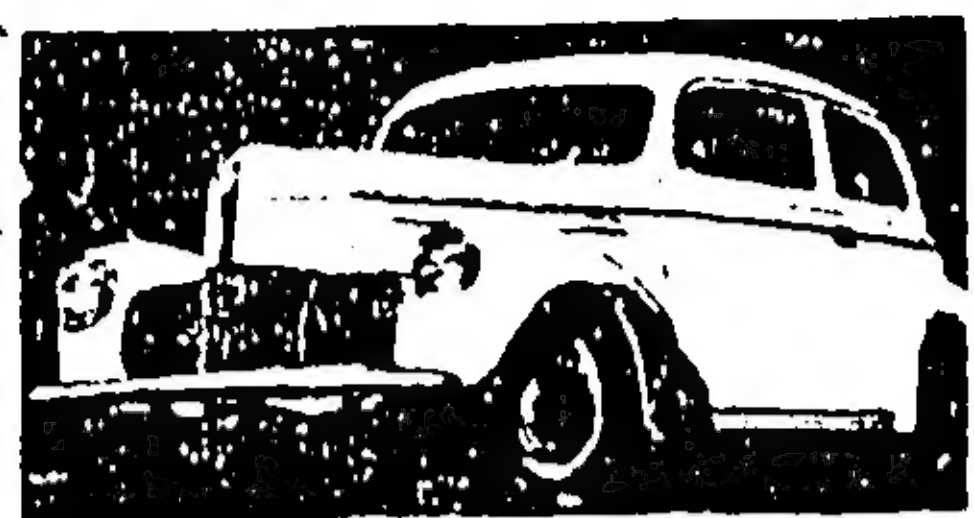


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**WOMAN ACCUSED OF  
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TWO MEN AND A WOMAN were accused at the Old Bailey of having done "great disservice to their country." Sir William Jowitt, Solicitor-General, said of the woman, Miss Doreen Grant Gibbons:—

"On the facts in this case you cannot have any doubt that, while her country is at war, she has been entering into all kinds of financial transactions to the benefit of Germans.

Charges of trading with the enemy were brought against Miss Gibbons, whose age was not given, Louis Francis Szilagyi, aged 66, and Thomas Ogle, aged 58.

They pleaded not guilty and entered a similar plea to charges brought against Metal and Electro Chemical Products, Ltd., of which they were stated to be directors.

Opening for the Crown, Sir William said: "With the country at war and fighting for her life we are very anxious to prevent the Germans getting any sort of supplies which we can possibly prevent them getting.

**The "Real Brains"**

"Quite obviously, in war time, if anybody in this country trades with the enemy, or for the benefit of the enemy, he or she is guilty of being very unpatriotic."

The two men were really in a subservient position, he said. The real brains, the person really responsible, was Miss Gibbons.

There were twelve counts against each defendant and against the company.

It was alleged that the men and the woman had financial dealings for the benefit of the enemy in December, 1939, by transferring assets worth £84,713, in accordance with an agreement between Metal and Electro-Chemical Products, Ltd., and Aktiebolaget (A/B) Nordring, of Stockholm, a firm under enemy control, by contracting with the Stockholm firm to pay £19,356 to A.F.A., Berlin, and by transferring into enemy control three other assets worth £12,500.

**On Dotted Line**

"If you arrange with a Swedish company to give it assets, provided it will pay a debt which you owe to Germany, in that way you are indirectly paying your debt to Germany instead of paying it to the Custodian of Enemy Property," said Sir William.

"That is the scheme which this lady evolved and the two men obediently 'signed on the dotted line' because the line was drawn up by her.

"In that way they have endeavoured and succeeded in doing a great disservice to their country."

Sir William said that at the beginning of the war certain dealings took place between the defendant company and the Stockholm companies.

"As a result," he alleged, "the English company, Metal and Electro Chemical Products, was stripped bare of all its foreign interests so that nothing by any chance could pass to the English official custodian.

"The debt which the company owed to A.F.A. Berlin (a sum of £19,000), which should have been paid to the Custodian of Enemy Property, was disposed of in this ingenious way. A/B Nordring was given all the assets and in return arranged to discharge the German debt."

He commented that £19,000 was almost the price of a bomber.

Before evidence was called Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., defending Miss Gibbons, asked for an adjournment to consider a count in the indictment which was altered at short notice before the hearing.

Mr. Justice Asquith said that an adjournment seemed the proper course. Although it was deplorable that the Solicitor-General should be put to the trouble of opening the case again, he would postpone the hearing to next sessions.

The jury was discharged and the two men and the woman released on bail.

**MORALS OF  
THE CHURCH**

—By Dorothy L. Sayers

"If every man living were to sleep in his neighbour's bed it could not bring the world so near shipwreck as that pride, that avarice, and that intellectual sloth which the Church has forgotten to write in the tale of its capital sins."

Miss Dorothy L. Sayers, the authoress, said that at Malvern in an attack on what she called the Church's "one-sided morality."

She was opening the second section of the Archbishop of York's conference, which is considering how Christian thought can be shaped to lead post-war reconstruction.

**Property Problem**

"Suppose," she said, "that during the last century the churches had devoted to sweetening intellectual corruption a quarter of the energy they spent in nosing out fornication, or denounced cheating with a quarter of the vehemence with which they denounced legalised adultery. But one was easy and the other was not."

"The law cares little for sacraments, but it is reluctant to alter marriage laws because such alterations upset the orderly devolution of property. And of fornication it takes little cognisance unless it leads to riots and disturbance."

**PARSONS TO LEARN  
SEX TALKS**

MINISTERS WHO have felt bashful about talking intimately about sex to young couples about to be married are to receive help.

Advice on what clergymen should tell young people about marriage relations when the couple call to put up the banns is contained in a pamphlet composed by a panel of thirteen Lancashire clergymen appointed by the Bishop of Blackburn, Dr. Herbert.

The panel was formed to give guidance on "sexual and other moral problems where their help is desired by clergy, by women workers or by other persons."

In the words of a member of the panel, the step was desirable, as "it was ludicrous that so many young couples went to the altar without knowing what marriage meant."

"They went into it blindly," he said. "And there were many ministers who, through ignorance of sex matters or fear of interfering, did not put them on the right lines."

**Birth Control**

The pamphlet covers the spiritual and sexual aspects of marriage. But if a clergyman has a problem that he does not

**STATE DOCUMENTS  
VANISH FROM CAR**

Documents belonging to a Government department, contained in a black leather brief case, are missing from a car in which they were left in the West End, and the police are trying to trace them.

They are understood not to be of great importance.

**16--WEIGHED  
THREE STONE**

A boy of sixteen was stated at an inquest to have weighed only 3st.

The boy was George William Sylvester, of Hawks Road, Kingston, Surrey, who, a doctor stated, died of malnutrition.

The coroner expressed the view that the police or other authorities should prosecute the boy's parents.

The parents, William George Sylvester, and Elizabeth Emily Sylvester, said the boy had always been delicate, but did not complain. After leaving school he did no work because he was not strong enough.

He was given good food, but had not been attended by a doctor from the time he was an infant until ten days before his death.

The mother said that the best of everything was put in front of the boy, and if he did not eat it, it was not her fault.

**"Starvation"**

"It must have been clear to the parents that the boy was suffering from starvation," said the coroner. "I think the parents are just saved from a grave criminal charge by the fact that ten days before the boy died they called in a doctor."

"I think it is still open to the police or other authorities to institute a prosecution for a lesser offence. In my view, this is a case where it ought to be done."

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was recorded.

feel able to solve, he is asked to place it before the panel.

The pamphlet will be available to clergymen in a few weeks. It goes "frankly into the matter of the number of children and contraception."

A clergyman told a reporter: "We are not trespassing on 'the ground of medical men, but approaching the subject from the spiritual point of view."

"Contained in the pamphlet are suggestions which will help us to give the couples advice which will help them to steer clear of difficulties, mainly of the physical kind, which in the past have wrecked many marriages."

"There are, of course, ministers who make a practice of having intimate talks with young couples about to be married, but they seldom go as deeply as they could."



# TRAITRESS WIFE JUST AN ORDINARY WOMAN

A NAVY PENSIONER and his dog are sitting by the fire at their home, Osborne Villa and the man is staring in bewilderment at another chair drawn up to the fire.

The wife who should be sitting there is in Holloway Gaol, under sentence of death for betraying her country.

Everybody who knew Mrs. Dorothy Pamela O'Grady is deeply amazed at the revelations at Winchester Assizes.

One or two now say they "felt there was something about her," but the usual "I guessed it" wiseacre is silent.

There was she, an ordinary landlady in a furnished apartment villa, aged forty-two and English. No glamour, short, stout, frizzy-haired.

Five people out of six have said: "She seemed so inoffensive." And then: "Terribly bad luck for her husband. Such a nice man."

## The Neighbours Say —

If you listened to Mrs. O'Grady's neighbours talking this is what you would hear —

"I always thought of her as the woman who walked by night. She stayed home all day, but after supper would put on her brown coat with the fur collar, her brown felt hat, and set off for a long walk in the darkness with her big black retriever, Rob."

"She adored that animal — often went without a meal herself to cook for Rob."

"She was passionately fond of flowers, too. She could raise blooms in her garden in the poorest soil."

"She called often to visit my invalid mother with daffodils, geraniums, and chrysanthemums she had grown herself."

"Seemed very ordinary, didn't she? Spoke in almost a childish voice, but was a poor conversationalist. I never rated her intelligence high."

"She had few ideas of her own, but there was a kind of mental reserve which gave me the impression of a dual personality."

"She first came here in May 1937. Rented a little cottage at New Road, Lake, after a holiday in the island with her husband."

"She used to have summer holiday visitors, but the cottage was too small, so she moved into Osborne Villa. That was in 1939, a few months before war broke out. Never went to church or chapel, though, did she?"

"They came from Feltham, in Middlesex."

## And The Husband —

And Mr. O'Grady in his bewilderment could only say: "Our married life was perfectly happy. She was a splendid wife."

Since the war Mr. O'Grady has worked in the L. and N.E.S., out every night in the blitz, firefighting.

One night a Scotland Yard detective called at the fire brigade mess.

"Can you spare me a moment or two, Mr. O'Grady? It's about your wife." They went outside together.

Mrs. O'Grady, wanted for two minor offences under the Defence Regulations, had disappeared from Osborne Villa, leaving a pencilled note outside the back door: "No more milk till I return."

Later she and her dog were traced to a quiet little apartment house near Totland Bay. She was living there under an assumed name as a visitor.

Mr. O'Grady resigned from the brigade, handed in his uniform, rubber boots and helmet, and came home to see what he could do. "I just can't understand it — the whole thing is a complete mystery to me," he told the police.

Only once, since her arrest has he spoken to his wife — a few words in Ryde Police Station after the magistrates committed her for trial.

She refused to see him in Holloway Gaol, and he was not at Winchester Assizes when Mr. Justice McNaghten put on the black cap and passed sentence of death.

The news was broken gently to

## FAMILY "SAW" THEIR END

Edward J. Ford, his wife and his only daughter Joyce, had a quiet family talk in their home at Ridgeway, Cliftonville, Kent, last May.

Calmly they discussed the possibility of all three being killed at the same time. They decided that war made it a probability and framed a joint will in the event of anything happening which may prove fatal in which all three are killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford went to London to spend a single night with their daughter, who worked as a secretary at the War Office during the week.

On that night a bomb killed all three, as well as Miss Kate Burton, one of seven legatees of the will, with whom Miss Ford used to stay during the week.

The joint will has been proved and it reveals that Mr. Ford left £407; Mrs. Ford, £1,544; and Miss Ford, £204.

## CATHEDRAL ESCAPES

It was disclosed that Norwich Cathedral narrowly escaped serious damage during a recent raid. A heavy bomb dropped near Nurse Cavell's grave, but, falling in soft earth, it did comparatively slight damage to the cathedral. Several windows were shattered, and high up in the roof the windows of the triforium were damaged.

## HITLER'S JERICO

Dr. Cisar, a member of the provisional Czechoslovak Government, speaking in London, said that millions in Europe were awaiting the day when the cry "Freedom" would become a mighty blast of trumpets, before which the walls of Hitler's modern Jericho would fall.

## 3 GHOSTS BLAMED BY A DIVORCEE

"I WANT TO LAY three ghosts which have appeared in this case:

My five marriages and divorces. The fact that I was an actress. And the fact that I am an American.

"I cannot help but feel that these ghosts were there, and, although I do not wish to say that they influenced the Judge, these ghosts have laid their hands surreptitiously and psychologically on the scales of justice."

Mrs. Ada Prentice made that plea when she began in the Court of Sessions, Edinburgh, with the appeal against a decision last year divorcing her from her fifth husband, Thomas Prentice, a Glasgow chartered accountant, whom she married in London in November, 1935.

Since January, 1937, she has

him by Dr. L. Standish O'Grady, a Sandown medical man. The doctor is no relative, but lives in the same road and went along as a good neighbour.

## SECRET DIARY STOLEN FROM FLAT

### Described Visits To Banned Areas

Miguel Piernavieja Del Pozo, Spanish journalist who has been allowed special facilities to observe conditions in Britain, has lost a large diary in which he kept detailed notes about his visit.

Del Pozo — who was once quoted by a newspaper as saying he thought Germany would win; a statement he withdrew after studying London — says the diary vanished from his wardrobe a few days ago while he was away from his Piccadilly flat.

Whoever took the diary was not interested in a gold cigarette-case and other valuables plainly on view in his flat.

### Spanish M.O.I.

Del Pozo represents the National Institute of Political Studies, the Spanish equivalent of the British Ministry of Information. He is also a journalist, and his dispatches on London go back regularly to the Spanish newspaper "Madrid."

"I don't mind who gets hold of my diary," Del Pozo said to a reporter, "it contains nothing that I mind anybody seeing."

"But I wish whoever has it — when they have satisfied themselves on the point — will return it to me, otherwise I shall have to start the whole work over again."

"When I came here two months ago I thought London had been destroyed. It took me only two days to find out my error."

## THE HITLER "TICKLE"

"City sneeze"—a new complaint of the throat, caused by dust and fumes from charred debris of London's big fires—has seized hundreds of City workers.

It is similar to hay-fever, and the irritating "tickle" leaves the sufferer with sore and watery eyes.

Eyes and nostrils should be bathed in a weak solution of boracic and warm water.

"The dust and fumes cause an irritation of the nasal mucous membrane," a London specialist said.

The Ministry of Health are considering a means of counteracting this new Blitz nuisance.

## MASS BORSTAL ESCAPE

A mass escape of boys from the Borstal Institution, Feltham, Middlesex, took place when 17 lads got away in the dark. Their absence was soon noticed, and three were recovered before long.

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### Notice To Consumers

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10 per cent. charge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,  
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

## THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

R. A. WICKERSON,  
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1941.

## THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

### Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,  
Agents

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,  
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 15 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

### THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

#### NOTICE

The next Race Meeting, originally scheduled for Sunday, the 23rd of March, has been postponed to SUNDAY, April 6th, 1941.

By Order of the Stewards,

T. A. MARTIN & CO.,  
Secretaries.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

### PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on MONDAY, the 17th. March, 1941 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 33, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods, Household Furniture and Shop Fittings.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

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TUESDAY, the 18th. March, 1941 commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, (2nd. Floor)

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## BRIDGE NOTES

By The Four Aces

### BRIDGE SWINDLES NO. 30

South's contract could have been defeated easily enough, if his opponents could have been sure of the correct defence to adopt. A simple Bridge swindle by South was what threw them off the track:

East, Dealer  
Neither side Vulnerable

♠ K 9 8 7 6  
♥ K 10 9  
♦ 8  
♣ 6 5 3 2

♠ 4 3  
♥ J 4 2  
♦ Q 10 4  
♣ K Q J 8

♠ A Q 2  
♥ 5  
♦ K J 9 7  
♣ 6

♠ J 10 5  
♥ A Q 8 7 6 3  
♦ A 5 3 2  
♣

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♣	1♥	2♣	2♥
3♣	4♥	Pass	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	5♥
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of diamonds, and South won with the Ace. It was immediately obvious to South that he couldn't afford to ruff out his three losing diamonds, for then he would have to get back to his hand each time by ruffing clubs. Eventually a line of play would leave him too trump weak.

The only other chance was to get up dummy's spade suit, but even this presented difficulties. To draw trumps first would allow the opponents to cash diamond tricks; and to leave the trumps at large might allow an opponent to ruff the third round of spades.

Since drawing the trumps was bound to be ruinous, South had to risk the spade ruff. At the second trick he led the ten of spades, and let it ride for a finesse. East won with the Queen of spades and returned to the club Ace. South ruffed and continued his scheme by leading the five of spades. East won with the spade Ace and assumed that his partner held the Jack of spades. Abandoning all thought of a spade return, East tried a second round of diamonds. Thereupon South breathed a sigh of relief for he was able to ruff in dummy, draw trumps, and discard his remaining diamonds on dummy's spades.

\* \* \*

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 9 6  
♥ K J 4 2  
♦ 3  
♣ A J 4

The bidding:  
Malec You Jacoby Burnstone  
3♣ (?)

ANSWER: Double. This is a Takeout Double which allows your partner the option of passing if he has a fairly well balanced hand with a little strength in the doubled suit. If your partner can bid one of the major suits, there should be some play for a game.

Score 100% for double, 30% for three spades.

### Question No. 665

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 9 8  
♥ A K 4 2  
♦ —  
♣ A J 9 4

The bidding:  
Malec You Schenck Jacoby  
3♣ (?)  
What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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## AMID HAVOC BOY SAVED BABY

A 'plane loaded with bombs crashed into houses twenty yards away, terrific explosions shook the earth, machine-gun bullets were flying, and a woman was killed at his side.

But amid all the shuddering noise and terror, ten-year-old Royston Newman, a Wolf Cub, thought only of saving his baby brother Michael.

He picked up the baby, aged twenty months, threw him face downwards into his pram and lay over the top of him to guard him.

Then, realising that more bombs might explode, he ran with Michael in his arms to the end of the road and flung himself down near a wall.

There he was found by his mother, his arms round his brother, still protecting him from falling wreckage.

### Cut By Glass

Later it was announced that Roy, who lives in Baitio Road, Tonbridge, Kent, had been awarded the Boy Scouts' Silver Cross.

A reporter who called at his home brought the first news of the award.

Roy, a slightly-built boy with large grey eyes, blushed with pleasure. He was awarded the Cross for "presence of mind in saving the life of his younger brother."

The neighbour who was killed at his side had just given the baby a half-penny.

Roy himself was cut by flying glass and the baby had a bullet wound in the left wrist and on the back of the head. Roy's action saved him. Member of the 2nd Tonbridge Wolf Cub Pack, Roy attends Slade Junior Boys' School. His father is in the Merchant Service.

## "I'M DYING" — SHE HAD HOUSEMAID'S KNEE

So that her soldier husband could get compassionate leave a wife sent him a telegram saying, "Come home, wife dying."

She was found to be suffering from nothing worse than housemaid's knee.

At Liverpool Mrs. Margaret Ellen Wilson, aged twenty-six, of Reading Street, Stanley Road, Kirkdale was fined 20s. for trying to take a soldier away from his duties.

She also sent a second telegram, "Come home, child ill."

Mrs. Wilson, who was expecting a baby, said she had a child ill, was not feeling well, and had four children to keep on £2 9s. weekly.

Her fine will be paid by 2s. 6d. weekly instalments.

## GIRL WIFE ON "TOOK AWAY BABY" CHARGE

There was a sequel at Tottenham Police Court to the disappearance of a five-week-old baby from a pram in a London street.

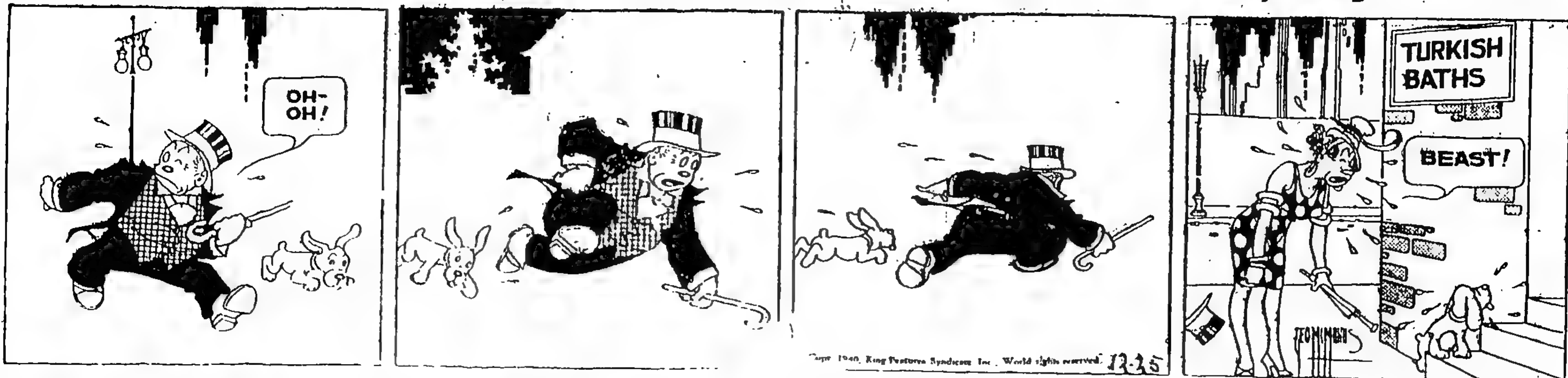
A twenty-one-year-old Sunderland (Co. Durham) woman, Mrs. Alma Armstrong, was remanded in custody for fourteen days charged with taking the baby away with intent to deprive the parent of its lawful care.

The child, Barbara Frost, daughter of Mrs. Frost, of Bath-road, Edmonton, N., was missed from her pram.

Detective-Inspector Coates said he saw Mr. Armstrong at Sunderland Police Station and told her he was inquiring about a child stolen from outside a store in Edmonton and would bring her to London.

On the train she said, "I will tell you all about it." He took a written statement from her.





## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Foot Ailments Hamper Beauty

If a woman desires true, lasting beauty she will take every necessary precaution to keep her feet free of all ailments. For even so minor an ailment as a sore toe can destroy one's poise, facial serenity and nerve control.

We are cautioned to carefully examine our feet at least once a week. A good time to do this is when you give them a pedicure. Look between the toes, on the toes, and on the soles of the feet, after you have scrubbed them well with a brush. If you discover a rash, a peeling or a foreign blemish such as a corn, a new callous or other growth, take steps to determine what is causing the new ailment.

One's beauty allowance should not be all spent at a cosmetic counter or in a beauty salon. Some of it should be reserved for occasional visits to a physician, an osteopath and a foot specialist. Beauty depends solely upon good health so the specialists who help you to preserve good health should be visited when necessary.

### A Pound Of Cure

Procrastination causes much trouble. A woman might discover something wrong with her foot but she will postpone seeing about it thinking, "It is just something which might go away." But if that "something" was on her face, where everyone could see it, she would lie herself at once to a doctor in alarm.

If you stop to think how handicapped you would be if anything happened to your feet, you would take every precaution to keep them healthy. You would buy hose long enough so your toes would not be cramped. You would wear shoes which permitted your feet the proper freedom and the needed support. You would exercise them occasionally when you took off your shoes, and pedicure them carefully at least once a week. If corns appear they should be treated immediately and perhaps your shoe last changed. If aches are felt in the arches a specialist should be visited. And by no means should you attempt to treat a rash or growth or skin peeling yourself. Too many nerves end at the soles of your feet making it too risky to use guesswork about an ailment. An ounce of prevention you know (which



A careful scrubbing and inspection weekly may prevent harmful foot ailments.

means professional advice) is worth a pound of cure!

### Things To Do

Use a very stiff bristled brush to scrub your feet and scrub the soles well once a day. If your feet get very tired and ache bathe them in alternate hot and cold water when you reach home. After a pedicure firmly massage the feet and ankles with a refreshing foot lotion or cream and merely wipe away the surplus be-

fore putting on your hose. Whenever you have a few moments to spare exercise your toes and then your whole foot. Walk around barefoot whenever you can on the beach, smooth lawn or in a room.



"Silence may be golden but the gal at a party who sits like a bump on a log will soon learn that self-inflation is an aid to popularity."

Job just because you win him. He, if he loves you, will want to love you time on end—it is up to you not to fail him. The battle of the sexes seems to put it up to the woman. It's our challenge and we should face it.

## Meticulous Grooming

There is no denying that men are attracted to women as much by their outward appearance as by their intrinsic lovable characteristics. It was meant to be so, I suppose, and that is why woman is born with personal vanity and a desire to make herself attractive.

Do you keep yourself as attractive in appearance as time and money and circumstances allow? Are you very meticulous about personal daintiness?

Do you keep your personality current as well as your wardrobe? Have you striven to become accomplished in one or more things?

Do you radiate a woman's warmth—understanding, sympathy, helpfulness, inspiration? Are you fun to be with? Or do you let shyness, or sensitiveness, or jealousy or false sophistication hide your light under a bushel?

Have you conquered selfishness and fear? No man can tolerate a woman who is always bowed down with worry or who thinks

of herself first, last and always.

Are you friendly with the group fate has thrown you with? Or do you feel superior and show it?

Do you strive to leash your tongue and refrain from caustic or critical remarks which only hurt others and never help them?

These and other searching questions should be answered by the girl or woman who finds herself nobody's valentine. The whole world cannot be wrong, something must be wrong with them.

### Give Men A Chance

Men want to adore women. They want to love and be loved. It is up to woman to inspire their adoration by striving to be as lovely as possible both outwardly and in dispositions. It isn't always easy but if you want to attract the love of a man you admire you must learn. And once a man gives you his love make every effort to hold it securely. There's no letting down on the

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- Vocal & Piano—Love, Stay In My Heart (from 'Top of the world')... 'Hutch' (Leslie Hutchinson).
- Fox-Trot—Begin the Beguine... Billy Cotton & His Band.
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- Vocal Duets—I'm Stepping Out With A Memory To-night, I Haven't Time to be a Millionaire... Al Bowly & Jimmy Mesene with Two Guitars.
- Fox-Trot—Make-Believe Island... Oscar Rabin & His Band.
- Quickstep—In the Middle of a Dream; Waltz—Love Never Grows Old... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.
- 12.00 midnight.—Close down

### QUEEN'S EXAMPLE

Archdeacon F. G. Scott, of Montreal, who was a Canadian padre in the last war, has suggested that Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, should ask the King to confer the George Medal on the Queen, those courage and devotion, he says, are a constant inspiration.



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1. Recruits' Medical Examination  
Fri. Mar. 21, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Orderly Medical Officer—Lieut. A. M. Rodrigues.

## EFFICIENCY MEDAL

Extract from Government Gazette No. 19 dated 7.3.41.

"No. 284—In accordance with regulation 8 of the Regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters concerning the Efficiency Medal in regard to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, published as Notification No. 579 in the Gazette of 2nd August, 1935, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to authorise the following award:  
Efficiency Medal  
Private William Campbell Tilley 4th March, 1941."

## 4. PARADES

### (a) CORPS ARTILLERY

I. INSPECTION  
The G.O.C. will inspect Corps Artillery on Murray Parade Ground on Sat. 22.3.41. Batteries will fall in at 2.15 p.m.

A full dress rehearsal parade will take place on Wed. 19.3.41 at 5 p.m.

Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots, web belt.  
All ranks must attend both parades unless exemption has been obtained in writing from Battery Commanders.

### II. 1ST BATTERY

Wed. 19th Mar. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

Sat. 22nd Mar. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

### III. 2ND BATTERY

Mon. 17th Mar. St. John's Place. 5.30 p.m. All Sections. Battery practice for G.O.C.'s inspection.

Wed. 19th Mar. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

Sat. 22nd Mar. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

### IV. 3RD BATTERY

Thurs. 20th Mar. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Specialists as detailed for Aberdeen. Dress as usual.

Thurs. 20th Mar. H.Q. 2.15 p.m. Remainder of above. Dress as usual.

Fri. 21st Mar. D.E.L. School. 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. personnel. Engine training. Dress—Overalls.

Wed. 19th Mar. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

Sat. 22nd Mar. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

### V. 4TH BATTERY

Tues. 18th Mar. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. All Sections. General Battery drill and instruction. Dress—S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots, greatcoat (if necessary) and web belt only.

Wed. 19th Mar. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

Sat. 22nd Mar. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

### VI. 5TH A.A. BATTERY

Thurs. 20th Mar. As for Tues. 18th.

Wed. 19th Mar. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

Sat. 22nd Mar. G.O.C.'s inspection. See Corps Artillery Orders above.

### (b) FIELD COMPANY

ENGINEERS  
Mon. 17th Mar. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Company drill.

Thurs. 20th Mar. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. P.A.D. lecture.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS  
Sun. 16th Mar. H.Q. 9 a.m. Those detailed.

Mon. 17th Mar. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All Groups. Signal training.

Wed. 19th Mar. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) Classification groups, special training. (ii) Remainder, signal training as detailed. (iii) Evening parade, reading tests.

Fri. 21st Mar. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i) W/T Course for those detailed. (ii) Recruits, signal training. (iii) Remainder, field cable training. (iv) Evening parade, reading tests.

### (d) MOBILE COLUMN

Fri. 14th Mar. Hung Hom. 5.30 p.m. All Platoons. Driving instruction.

Tues. 17th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Pns. 1, 2, 5, V.G. and L.G. instruction. Pns. 4 & 4 Miniature Range. Fire Orders and arms drill.

Wed. 19th Mar. Hung Hom. 8 a.m. All day training. Dress—Battle Order, R.T.R. cap, Vehicle Party 7.30 a.m. No. 1 Pln. and No. 1 Sec. No. 3 Pln.

Fri. 21st Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Pns. 1, 2, & 5, V.G. and L.G. instructions. Pns. 3 and 4 V.G. Mechanism, handling and aiming. Lecture—Elementary principles.

### (e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 17th Mar. No parade.

Tues. 18th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training. All rifles and

S.E.Rs. must be returned on this date.

Fri. 21st Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY  
Tues. 18th Mar. Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Platoon. L.G. instruction.

Wed. 19th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Platoon. L.G. instruction.

Fri. 21st Mar. Company Parade. H.K. Residents. H.Q. 7.45 a.m. Kowloon Residents. Kowloon Residents. Kowloon Railway Station. 8.20 a.m. Dress—Battle order.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY  
Mon. 17th Mar. Training as per Company programme.

Thurs. 20th Mar. Training as per Company programme.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY  
Sat. 15th Mar. All rifles, bayonets and S.B.Rs. to be returned to Stores.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY  
Sat. 15th Mar. All rifles, bayonets and S.B.Rs. must be returned before 1 p.m.

Mon. 17th Mar. No parade.

Tues. 18th Mar. No parade.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY  
Fri. 21st Mar. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress as before.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY  
Sat. 15th Mar. All rifles, bayonets and S.B.Rs. to be handed in to Stores.

(l) ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY  
Sun. 16th-Sat. 22nd Mar. Transport and Supplies weekly duties as detailed. Dress as usual.

Tues. 18th Mar. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. L.G. instruction class.

## SMITH--THE LIFE SAVER

(By A Special Correspondent)

**BELCHING SMOKE** from her one funnel, a little grey ship sailed up the river into a West Country port. Down her gangway ran a stockily-built, curly-headed young man bent on one thing only—getting home in time to eat late dinner with his wife.

His name was Smith. He was a Welshman bred in Swansea who went to sea at the age of fifteen. He looked like an every-day young man. But he wasn't.

There were no hands plying, no red carpet, no reception, no medals waiting for him. But there should have been.

For the young man was Captain Sidney Glyn Smith, thirty-three, and the ship he had brought home was the Gloucester City of 3,071 tons.

He admitted with a modest grin that he and his ship had saved the lives of 135 men in just over four months—not a bad record for one of the youngest captains in the merchant navy.

"We were in mid-Atlantic, 500 miles from land, when we received an S.O.S. from two merchant ships, saying that a convoy was being attacked," said Second-Officer Godfrey Harrison, "and we picked an ninety-two survivors. Before that we had saved forty-three men."

### 68, He Wouldn't Die

Captain Smith gave all the credit for the rescues to the officers and men.

"The spirit of the men we picked up was amazing. Many of their comrades were missing and they had buried some of their dead. Yet as one boat drew alongside, the men and boys in her were singing 'Roll Out the Barrel' as they greeted us."

"The oldest master we rescued, a Belfast captain, was sixty-eight. For twenty-two hours he had been lashed to a raft in a southerly gale. Then one of his men got him into a lifeboat."

"When they drew alongside us he was on the point of collapse, but he insisted on being the last man to come aboard."

"He could scarcely speak, and at first I thought he was dying. But he swore we should never drop him into the sea, and by the time we landed he was as brisk as ever."

### Boy's Pluck

"There was an apprentice of fifteen, J. Vaughan, from another ship. Three of his fingers had been crushed by being fouled in the falls when the boat was launched."

"He had been rowing for ten hours before the officer in charge knew anything about it."

"I had to act as doctor to these men with the little knowledge I had. I was kept pretty busy with minor injuries, but I only had one major one, with which, fortunately, I was successful. Third Engineer C. Carter, from one of the ships, had a badly broken leg, but I managed to set it all right."

"I have been lucky," said Captain Smith. "On my previous voyage I was with a convoy when one of our ships was sunk. I rescued forty-three of the crew from life-boats, and next day transferred them to a destroyer."

"Did I have a crack at an enemy submarine? Well, that would be telling you too much."

"But, of course," he added innocently, "like all other merchant

ships, I carry one small gun for self-defence."

The Captain stopped talking. He had a swift mental vision of his wife waiting patiently at home. He cast one accusing glance at me for detaining him and, for the first time in his life, turned and fled.

## HAIR ALMOST COST HER LIFE

Pride in her hair, nearly cost the life of Irene Atwell, a young factory worker, of Garner Road, Walthamstow, London, E.

Although instructed to wear a tight-fitting cap while working at her machine, she failed to do so because she feared her mass of frizzy hair would suffer.

One day last July her hair caught in a revolving shaft above the machine at which she was working, and she was whirled round it and scalped. She was so seriously injured that she was detained in hospital for a long time.

Her employers, the Plessey Company, Ltd., of Vicarage Road, Ilford, were fined £50 at Stratford Police Court for failing to fence the revolving shaft.

Miss Atwell sat in the public gallery to hear the case. She still had her head bandaged, and was wearing a close-fitting Pixie cowl which, with the forehead bandage, completely covered her head.

Counsel for the firm said that why the shaft was not fenced was a mystery. No doubt it had been overlooked.

## EROS ARRESTED IN PICCADILLY CIRCUS

Meet Eros. He's a black and white rabbit found wandering round Piccadilly Circus in the black-out.

He was arrested for loitering.

Police men rubbed their eyes when they saw him. Couldn't believe it... a rabbit in Piccadilly!

When they had convinced themselves it was true they set out to arrest him.

But Eros—for that's what the R.S.P.C.A. have christened him—gave the law a chase.

### Arrested - - -

Round and round the famous statue of Eros he ran, and it was realised that experts would have to be called.

Eventually he was arrested by an R.S.P.C.A. official and, struggling for freedom removed in an animal Black Maria.

His appearance in the middle of the West End remains a mystery.

The "Daily Mirror" has been asked to print an S.O.S. Eros would like to be "balled out."

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# V. R. C. EXPECTED TO WIN JUNIOR PLAY-OFF

## Chung Hwa Feel The Loss Of Best Pitcher

### "Jock" Brown Will Pitch For The Victorians

By "Grandstand"

ENTHUSIASTS WILL find it worth their while to troop out to Kowloon Football Club at 9.00 a.m. to-morrow to witness the V. R. C. — Chung Hwa photo-finish play-off for the Lim Jap trophy.

In view of their sparkling display when they broke up the Chung Hwa nine game winning streak to knot the lead in their last encounter, V.R.C. Crusaders are given the edge in this tussle. Sunny-faced mentor Gus Noronha reports that his squad has been doing well in their last few workouts, with Mohawk short-stop Pete Fitch in a coaching capacity.

First string finger Sonny "Jock" Brown will start on the slab, with Pitsy Barradas in reserve, whilst Alec "Big Boy" Azedo will be working behind the plate.

Base-guardians will be Manuel Roza, Bimby "Sparky" Abiong, Roy "Ducky" Maxwell and A. V. Ozorio, whilst gardeners will be hard-hitting Ernie Ribeiro, Cecil "Slim" Quinn, and Lionel Roza Pereira.

Although Chung Hwa is the more experienced squad, they have been considerably weakened by the loss of their star hurler Jay Lau.

Third-sacker will probably be called upon to work on the mound, which will leave the hot-corner wide open.

Infielders will be first-base Grandpa Leung, Keystoner Al Lau, with Bill Chung guarding the "Windy Alley." Richard Chung, Loney Loong and P. K. Lau will be patrolling the pastures.

Kitchell, Kassa Nazarin, and Bill Woo have been selected to handle this important tilt.

### TO-DAY'S CRICKET

Following is to-day's cricket programme and some of the teams:-

**FIRST DIVISION**  
C.S.C.C. v. I.R.C.  
**SECOND DIVISION**  
K.C.C. v. C.C.C.  
Recreio v. I.R.C.

The senior match between Craighower and Recreio, and the junior match between Police and University have been postponed.

C.S.C.C. 1st XI:- J. E. Richardson, K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, B. C. K. Hawkins, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, N. Whitley and A. M. J. Wright.  
C.C.C. 2nd XI:- A. M. Omar, N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Luck and W. K. Way.

1st XI v Civil Service (away):- K. Nazarin (Capt.), A. R. Kitchell, M. el Arculli, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, M. P. Madar, S. A. Ismail, A. R. Minu, K. M. Rumjahn, A. R. H. Esmail, A. Rahmin.  
2nd XI v Recreio (away):- A. H. Ismail (Capt.), H. T. Barma,

### IMPORTANT SENIOR TUSSLE

By "Grandstand"

Highlight of the Senior League's three game programme will be the St. Joseph's-Indians clash at 1.15 p.m.

Although Ahwoo Omar's Indians have been spotted in some quarters as a flag-winner, with their sparkling infield, they have not got the cluster of battering rams that the Collegians can parade, with Dave Leonard, Henry Ali, Ozorio, Stan Leonard and Jimdo Hussain all sitting in the 300 circle.

Some critics base a possible upset, on the fact that the Indians out-played the Saints when they were posed out in their last encounter, but without the necessary wallop they will start this tussle with the odds against them.

Collegian manager Choppy Omar has not yet decided whether to start Frankie Gonzales or Charlie Manon on the mound.

Although Manson chuckes a faster ball, the chances are that Gonzales will draw the pitching assignment, in view of his experience. Throwing everything in this final game, Ahwoo Omar will start his Nazarin-Ismail battery to turn the tables on the Saints for hope of a play-off.

Nip Lum, A. V. Gosano and Bill Woo have been specially chosen to officiate this game.

Immediately after this game, Cyclones take on Chinese Baseballers. Chinese Baseballer Den Cray's 37 strike-outs in six games speaks for itself, and with sufficient support should be able to chalk up a victory.

In the night-cap, Hong Kong Baseballers cross bats with the Canadian Chinese. In spite of the fact that Canucks are doomed to the cellar, they have improved with every showing, and there is a chance that they might make a game of this David and Goliath show.

A. el Arculli, Jnr. T. Ah, F. A. Curreen, M. B. Hassan, M. A. Wahab, A. M. Rumjahn, M. I. Razack, A. R. Suffiad, A. Ebrahim.

### SOFTBALL PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW

LADIES' LEAGUE

(At the Kowloon Football Club)  
Baby Panthers v Wahoos  
(10.15 a.m.)  
Umpires: J. Delgado, J. Fonseca and G. Lee.

Wildcats v Canadian Chinese  
(11.45 a.m.)  
Umpires: Powlawski, Marques and Fonseca.

SENIOR LEAGUE

(At the Kowloon Football Club)  
Indians v St. Joseph's  
(1.15 p.m.)  
Umpires: Nip Lum, A. V. Gosano and Woo.

Cyclones v Chinese Baseballers  
(2.30 p.m.)  
Umpires: Powlawski, Al Leonard and Kassa Nazarin.

Canadian Chinese v H.K. Baseballers  
(3.45 p.m.)  
Umpires: Al Leonard, "Cyclone" Bakar and Stan Leonard.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAY-OFF  
(At the Kowloon Football Club)  
Chung Hwa v V.R.C.  
(9.00 a.m.)  
Umpires: Kitchell, Nazarin and Woo.

### LADIES' GOLF

The one-day Spring Meeting held at Fanning on Tuesday, proved a great success in spite of unfavourable weather conditions and was attended by over 30 ladies.

The following are the results of the competitions held that day.

Bogey Competition, New Course—Mrs. Margaret 5 down.

Bogey Competition (Special Prize) for handicaps of 30 and over—Mrs. Hedby 2 down.

Approaching and Putting—Mrs. Turnbull and Mrs. Sturges-Wells (11).

Putting Pool—Mrs. Cassidy (19).

The sum of \$600.00 was collected for War Charities as the result of a raffle.

At the conclusion of the competitions the Captain (Mrs. F. A. MacIntosh) presented the prizes and in an address to the gathering reviewed the season's activities.

### 3 HOCKEY MATCHES

Weather permitting, three friendly hockey matches will be played this afternoon at King's Park.

Central British Association Ladies will entertain Hong Kong Ladies at 3.30 p.m., while both Y.M.C.A. teams will be seen in action on their own ground.

Y.M.C.A. will be represented by the following players:-

1st XI v Khalsa (4.15 p.m.):—Benwell, Taylor, Yourieff, Jordan, Coombes, Waldron, Spence, Morgan, Hillecock, Ure, Dunne.

2nd XI v "A" Navy XI (3 p.m.):—Cleggett, Railton, Saxby, Smith, Tomlinson, Gorman, Macy, Olsen, Dormer, Fancey, Banks.

### BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Three badminton Championship matches were played at Club de Recreio last night, and following were the results:-

SENIOR SINGLES

C. Au beat H. C. Eardley, 15-5, 17-16.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

R. M. Lavalie and N. A. Beltrao beat M. Talan and H. Odell, 15-10, 3-15, 15-17.

SENIOR DOUBLES

C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang beat F. Kwok and D. Kwok, 3-15, 15-9, 15-3.

### DECISIVE LADIES' GAME TO-MORROW

By "Grandstand"

THE DRAWING CARD at the Kowloon Football Club Ground to-morrow will be the Wildcats-Canadian Chinese tussle at 11.45 a.m. bringing the ladies loop to a whirlwind finish. After having been postponed on several occasions, these two teams are rarin' to go all out against each other, and there, to settle the pennant dispute, and a long-standing feud.

Although solving Canuckette-fire-ball hurler Mary Ng's fast shoots will be the main problem of the untamed felines, they are not far behind in pitching strength, with Thelma Colacco on the hill for them.

Colacco has pitched a pair of no-hitters this season, and it will be some time before this record will be equalled in this circuit.

The Walloping Wildcats infield line-up will include Doris Mar, at first; Irene Pereira, at second; Gloria Mar, at the hot-corner, and Lily Mar plugging up the short-stop gap. Gardeners will be Mary Mar, Virginia Chu and Dolly "Lefty" Brown.

Maple Leaf coach, Bill Woo, will probably field Rene Yuen, Ulan Khco, Alice Mar and Vivian Louie in the infield positions, in a last bid for the flag.

Arbitrators for this game will be Powlawski, Marques and Fonseca.

### Panthers To Extend Wahoos

At 10.15 a.m. Baby Panthers tangle with Wahoos in what promises to be another keenly contested game. Although the green-shirted Owls are assured of third slot in the Final League standings, their strongest possible line-up will be fielded in their last game.

Therese Noronha will again toe the rubber with Jackie Anderson behind the batter.

Pantherette coach, Gus Noronha, assures his fans that he will give Wahoos a run for their money, and will start Lelia Xavier on the hill with Theresa Marques receiving.



### TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Two Rugby games will be played at Boundary Street this afternoon between Combined Services and Combined Police and Club.

The first game starts at 3.15 p.m.

Following are the Services teams:-

"A" XV:- Morahan (Navy); McGill (Navy); Wilson (Navy); Giblin (Army); and Macdonald (Army); Keeble (Army); and Bowden (Navy); Winter (Navy); Deidenfield (Army); Palmer (Navy); Stockham (R.A.F.); Evans (Army); Flynn (Navy); Eddison (Army); and Page (Army).

1ST XV:- Fairclough (Army); Richards (Army); Paul (Navy); Hook (Army); and Marsh (Army); Carter (Navy); and Morgan (Army); Bompas (Army); Hewitt (Army); Sutherland (Army); Millar (Army); King (Navy); Pinkerton (Army); Berry (Army); and Gillam (Army).

Reserves:- Easterbrook, Sutcliffe, Dobbinson, Clark, Macdermatt, Turner and Cook (Army); Danger, Dobson, Inglis and Hughes (Navy).

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## ARMY SPORTLIGHT

# ARMY BUILDING ATHLETICS TEAM TO MEET CHINESE

## Preparations In Hand For Tennis

By "Squaddy"

IN the Garrison Snooker League the Medical Corps still lead by two points with only three more games to be played. The Royal Engineer Sergeants have won more games but have not won so many frames.

Highest break of this competition so far has been made by Pte. Whybro, of the Medical Corps, who scored 28 against Sgt. Chalcraft of the Pay Corps in their match on Monday, which resulted in a win for the former player's side by five points to one.

## FOOTBALL

AT Caroline Hill on Wednesday, Army played Navy in the second match of the Kotewall Cup series. The result was a goalless draw.

The Army side did not play up to expectations and in all probability there will be a few changes in their forward-line for the next match against South China.

If, in the next match, Army beat South China, they will secure the Kotewall Cup with three points against the Chinese two, but if they draw South China win the trophy.

Royal Corps of Signal took the lead in the Third Division on Wednesday by beating 36th Hvy. Bty., R.A., by 2-1 at Sookunpoo, and if they continue to play as at present they should be able to finish on top. They have four more matches to play and Air Force have five, with one game in hand.

In the next round of the Junior Shield R.A.S.C. have been drawn against Navy, who are at the present finding great difficulty in fielding a side. The Service Corps should have no worries over this match, although things do happen! It will be a fine achievement for a military side to retain this shield once more; last year it was won by the 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A., who were knocked-out by the Signals earlier in the competition.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

BOTH matches due to be played in the Large Units Rugby League at Sookunpoo on Tuesday were cancelled owing to inclement weather, and will be played next Tuesday.

To-morrow at Boundary Street the Combined Services will play the Combined Police and Club, kick-off 3.15 p.m.

## TENNIS

AT the annual tennis meeting of the Army Tennis Committee it was decided that the Committee for this season should consist of a senior officer, two members from the Large Units and three from the Small Units.

This year an additional competition will be held, this being the Army Singles Tournament open to all ranks of the Garrison. The other two tournaments, the Other Ranks Singles Tournament and the Other Ranks Doubles Tournament, will be held as before.

In the Command Small Units' Tennis League there is a slight alteration as from last year.

The No. 1 pair will play the No. 1 pair of the opposing side, the No. 2 pair will play the No. 2 pair of the opposing side, and the No. 3 pair will play the No. 3 pair of the opposing side.

This should greatly improve the standard of play and give players more opportunities.

## MARATHON RACE

THIS year the annual Kowloon Marathon Race will be held on Friday, March 21 at 5 p.m., starting from St. Andrew's Church, Nathan Road.

The course extends over a distance of about 6½ miles and the race is open to all ranks of the Garrison.

The entrance fee is One Dollar and as many Service Men as possible entered would make it very interesting.

Entries for this race close on Tuesday, March 18, 1941 and

should be sent to either of the following:

Mr. V. Merrett,  
S.C.E. Dept.,  
H.M. Naval Yard,  
Hong Kong.  
Rev. H. A. Wittenback,  
St. Andrew's Vicarage,  
Kowloon.

## ATHLETICS

TEAMS are now preparing for the forthcoming Athletic Meeting which is being held on the Polo ground, Kowloon, on April 22, 23 and 24. Alternative dates are April 29 and 30, and May 1. Last year some good times and throws were recorded at the Command meeting and this year they are expected to be bettered.

The athletic meeting arranged between the Army and the Chinese, which is being held at Caroline Hill on May 4, should prove very interesting as the Army have a strong team and this meeting is after the Command Meeting when all should be in full training.

The following have been asked to train for this meeting:—  
110 Yards and 220 Yards:—The Middlesex Team, as in last year's meeting, and Marshall and Slade of the Royal Scots, Sgt. Marsh, 8th Hvy. Regt., Bdr. Brown, 12th Hvy. Regt., and three members of the H.K.S.R.A. team.

440 Yards:—L/Cpl. McGrady, Pte. Burnaby, and Pte. Cook, of the Middlesex; Loughrin, and Marshall, Royal Scots, and three members of the 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.

Half Mile:—L/Cpl. Heather, Middlesex Regt., Cpl. Sutherland, Rlyce, of the Royal Scots, and members of the 8th and 12th Hvy. Regts., R.A.

One Mile:—The first Six in the One and Three Miles races.

Discus:—Pte. Lever, L/Cpl. Wookey, Middlesex Regt., and Lieut. Skipwith, R.A.

Javelin:—Pte. Lever and Sgt. Blackman, Middlesex Regt., Capt. Skipwith, R.A. and Bdr. Pigeon, 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.

Putting the weight:—H.K.S.R.A. team winners of last year's event, Pte. Berry, Middlesex, and Pte. Lane, Royal Scots.

## SPORTS SHOTS HERE & THERE

By Henry McLemore

Putting the sports shot here and there

Gene Mako, who is making a tennis comeback after his "layoff" by the USLTA, has announced that he soon will have a devastating, cannonball service instead of the aunt Pitty Pat delivery that has handicapped him in the past. . . . We will know the revolution has arrived when Mako finally does come up with a real service and Frankie Parker develops a decent forehand. The Pacific Coast Football conference, after all these years, has decided that good eye-sight is important in its officials, and will make the arbiters get an X-ray from an optician before being assigned work next autumn. . . .

Now that Sam Sneed has won another golf tournament, his fellow pros are on his bandwagon again. . . . half a dozen of them told me that in a 72-hole tournament Sneed, rated on his ability to hit the ball, should spot the field four to five shots. . . . note to Tony Galento: Don't come out to fight Turkey Thompson. . . . The big fellow will knock your head off quicker than you can knock the head off a stein of beer. . . . Uncle Sam owes Steve Owen and the New York Giants a debt of gratitude. . . . The Giants spent all last autumn getting Granny Lansdell, former All-American from USC, in shape, and now the army has him.



## WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week-end:

## To-day

## FIRST DIVISION

Royal Scots v Kowloon (Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)  
St. Joseph's v Navy (Navy ground, 4.30 p.m.)  
Club v Eastern (Club, 4.30 p.m.)

## SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v Club (Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)  
South China v Royal Scots (Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)  
Kit Chee v Middlesex (Club, 3.00 p.m.)  
Engineers v 30th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 3.00 p.m.)  
Navy v Sing Tao (Navy ground, 3.00 p.m.)  
Ordnance v Police (Caroline Hill, 3.00 p.m.)

## THIRD DIVISION

Air Force v 20th R.A. (Chatham Road, 3.00 p.m.)  
35th R.A. v 24th R.A. (Stanley, 3.00 p.m.)  
7th R.A. v Engineers (Military, 4.30 p.m.)  
R.A.M.C. v 36th R.A. (Military, 3.00 p.m.)  
International v 12th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 3.00 p.m.)  
A.S.A. v Shell (Kowloon, 3.00 p.m.)

## To-morrow

## GOVERNOR'S CUP

Hong Kong Football Association v Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation (Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.)

## TO-MORROW'S SOCCER TEAMS

Following are the soccer teams for to-morrow's Governor's Cup game:

H.K.F.A. — Bankier (Royal Scots); Roughley (Navy) and Fraser (Royal Scots) (Capt.); Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex) and Thomas (Mid-

## FELLER'S HUGE SALARY TOPPED

YOUR VOLUBLE pal, Louie "Buck" Newsom, who pitches baseball for the Detroit Tigers, now seems to have the authority for his biggest boast of all, and Buck has to keep silent, writes a correspondent from Detroit, U.S.A.

## SOCCER SEASON NEARS END

By "Referee"

The First Division soccer programme is fast drawing to an end and this afternoon several postponed games will be played, while to-morrow at Causeway Bay the second game of the Governor's Cup competition will be decided.

Both St. Joseph's and Eastern will complete their fixtures, and while Eastern is not expected to be extended at all by Club, a good game should be witnessed between Navy and St. Joseph's, two of the teams remaining in the Senior Shield competition.

Both teams will be at full strength in preparation for next week's Shield game and in spite of the recent improvement of St. Joseph's, they are expected to be fully extended by Navy.

In Second Division, Engineers meet 36th R.A. and should win as the latter have lost the services of Guy and Flanders, who are now playing for St. Joseph's.

The best game in Third Division should be between Air Force and 20th Royal Artillery.

dissex): Fowler (Club), Le Page (Navy), Howlett (Police), Ferrier (Police) and Rietsen (Club).

Reserves:—Lapsley (Kowloon), Blackburn (Police), Pope (Police), Barber (Navy), Hossack (Royal Scots), Sheehan (Middlesex) and Hendy (Navy).

Team Manager:—Captain R. E. Guest, H.K.C.A.F.—Lee Kwok-kee (Kwong Wah); Ng Kee-cheung (Eastern) and Tsang Chung-wan (S. China); Lo Wai-kuen (Eastern), Hsu King-shing (Eastern) and Lau Hing-choi (S. China); Hau Ching-to (Eastern), Lau Chung-sang (S. China), Hsu Man-fai (Eastern), Cheung Kam-hoi (Eastern) and Tso Chow-ting (Eastern).

Reserves:—Chow Man-chi (S. China), Chan Tak-fai (S. China), Lau Hin-hon (Eastern), Chung Yung-sum (Eastern), Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah) and Lee Wai-lam (R.E.).

Reliable sources disclosed to-day that Newsom, not Bob Feller, of the Cleveland Indians—has become the highest paid twirler in the game's history at a salary in excess of \$30,000. Buck will draw pay checks for that tidy sum for the 1941 season.

In keeping with an unwritten law of the Tigers that salaries are never mentioned publicly, the doughty Newsom won't say a word. It was established, however, that Buck will draw a far-crier salary than that to be paid Feller, whom the Indians signed recently for a reported \$30,000.

Winner of 13 straight games and a World Series star, Newsom in 1940 enjoyed his finest season in a long career in the big leagues. He won 21 and lost five during the regular season and, in pitching 264 innings, was surpassed only by Feller, John Rigney of the White Sox and Dutch Leonard of Washington.

Owner Walter O. Briggs of the Tigers, reputed to be baseball's highest paying club owner, has let it be known that he pays off "on performance." Some irony therefore creeps into the Tiger situation.

With Newsom given a boost, Hank Greenberg likely to retain his reported \$36,000, and rewards to others due for the 1940 championship, the Tiger salary index apparently is on the uptrend. (Greenberg, however, may be in the Army. Draft board officers said he would receive his questionnaire very shortly.)

Pay goes up, but the Tigers, say the experts, are going down. The winter season's forecasters don't give them much chance for repeating as titlists. For the Tigers are getting further along in years.

Barred from trading with other American League clubs, the champions at this date plan to go along in 1941 with virtually the personnel of 1940. Rookies will be at hand, but in no great number.

## ATHLETIC MEETINGS

Three athletic sports meetings, weather permitting, will be held this afternoon, by Hong Kong University, St. Stephen's and Queen's Colleges.

The undergraduates' meeting will be at Pokfulam, St. Stephen's at Stanley and Queen's at Causeway Bay, all commencing at 2 p.m.



# KING THANKS INDIA

## British Confidence In Empire Fully Justified

### CHINESE FIGHTERS IN ACTION

At least four Japanese bombers were shot down in an aerial battle over Chengtu when 48 Japanese bombers, in groups of 12, entered Szechuen yesterday morning.

The Japanese planes took off from a base in Shansi and crossed the Szechuen border at about 10 a.m. When they approached Chengtu, Chinese fighters immediately took off to engage the raiders.

In a severe aerial battle the Chinese defenders shot down at least four Japanese, the Chinese air force states, while it is believed several others were badly damaged and unable to return to their base.

Shortly afterwards a second group of 36 Japanese bombers entered Szechuen from Shansi, also heading for Chengtu. One Japanese bomber was shot down.

Japanese aircraft, taking off from Hankow on Thursday, bombed Patung, western Hupoh, near the Szechuen border.

Although the alarm was sounded yesterday in Chungking no raiders appeared in the vicinity. The alarm lasted from 10.20 a.m. to 2.10 p.m. — Reuter.

### SIX DOWNED

Thirty-one Japanese aircraft, flying from their bases in west Hupoh, yesterday raided Szechuen. Intercepted and engaged in combat by Chinese planes, four

### Generous Help In The War

"After the outbreak of war I expressed confidence that in the coming struggle I could count on sympathy and support from every quarter of the Indian Continent in the face of the common danger," declared the King in a message to India, made public in New Delhi yesterday.

"This confidence has been fully justified, for throughout 18 hard months the help of the Princes and people of India has been generous and unflinching.

"The loyalty of the Indian Princes has never been more openly displayed while from the provinces and states a constant invaluable stream of men, money and material has flowed to swell the Empire's war resources.

"Moreover, while the Indian fighting services are upholding in many scattered theatres of war the military traditions for which India is justly famed, her people are giving freely to relieve suffering and distress.

"I thank the Princes and people of India from my heart for their noble response and their kind sympathy.

### Same Ideals

"I know that the ideals for which we are fighting are as deeply cherished in India as all over the British Commonwealth, and I

of the raiders were shot down over Chengtu, while two others were downed over Wanhhsien. The rest of the raiders hurriedly flew back east after being chased by Chinese pursuits. — Central News.

am confident that the magnificent support which India has so readily and unsparingly given will be maintained until victory crowns our arms."

The Viceroy replied sending on behalf of the Princes and people of India warmest thanks for the most gracious message, and adding:

"Nothing could be a greater encouragement here in the common task than His Majesty's generous words.

"I am confident I speak for the Princes and people of India in assuring His Majesty that no effort shall be spared on our part which can conduce to the triumph of our cause and the ideals for which we are fighting." — Reuter.

### VALERA'S WARNING TO EIRE

People had died from starvation before but if they took care now it would not happen, even if the war lasted a long time, said Mr. Eamonn de Valera, the Eire Premier, in the Dail yesterday.

Greatest of all calamities they had to fear, he said, was that they would not have enough food. If circumstances got so bad that such steps were needed, the State might have to examine its right to direct the use of private property.

They regarded such interference, unless it could be proved absolutely necessary, as unwise because it created greater problems than those which it sought to solve.

There would be considerable unemployment and it could not be avoided. — Reuter.

### HEROISM OF MALTA HONoured

Major-General Dobbie, Acting Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Malta, who has received many tributes in connection with the courageous defence of that island, has been promoted Knight Commander of the Bath.

A War Office telegram to General Dobbie states the King has approved of the promotion "in recognition of the steadfast and gallant bearing of the garrison and civil population of Malta under your inspired leadership in the face of all the danger and discomfort resulting from constant enemy air attacks." — Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

Owing to the bad state of the track, today's First Extra Race meeting has been postponed.

The following appointments are Gazetted.

Prof. G. King to be a Member of the Medical Board.

Sub-Lieut. A. E. Bates relinquished his commission in the H.K.N.V.F.

Mr. F. A. Xavier appointed Honorary Consul for Mexico at H.K.

The suspension of two Chinese publications is announced in the "Gazette." They are the Yan Sang Po and the Tung Wai Magazine.

An Order published in the "Gazette" this morning fixes the maximum prices at which firewood may be sold, as follows:

Wholesale: In billets or logs of all kinds of 18 cattiees and more in weight: for each billet or log — 55 cattiees per \$1.00.

In billets or logs of all kinds under 18 cattiees in weight: for each billet or log — 48 cattiees per \$1.00.

Retail: Split firewood — 40 cattiees per \$1.00.

An Order Gazetted this morning prohibits the display or publication for general information of any notice, list or advertisement containing—

(a) The names, tonnage or sailing dates of any British or allied ships or of any neutral ships which are under British or allied requisition or Government charter; or

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